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Ford adverts convey Rabin 'endorsement'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The President Ford Campaign Committee has placed full-page advertisements in dozens of American Jewish newspapers, featuring Prime Minister Rabin's August statement that "The U.S. Government supports Israel in the international arena, in the supply of arms and in economic aid almost without precedent."

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Soviet spy, in wig and glasses, ousted by French

PARIS. — A 36-year-old member of a Soviet trade delegation, wearing a wig and fake glasses, was ousted earlier this week with secret plans for a new French airplane engine and expelled for "flagrant industrial espionage," official sources said yesterday.

Amin: Israelis tried to capture me

LONDON. — President Idi Amin of Uganda was quoted yesterday by newspapers as saying that Israeli commandos attempted to take him prisoner during their raid on Entebbe airport in July.

Playing down Ford's 'direct talks' quote

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — State Department officials sought to downplay President Ford's assertion last week that from now on "any settlement in the Middle East should come from direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab nations."

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The bodies of four crew members and a passenger killed on board the freighter Christos are carried from a harbour launch in Larnaca, south Cyprus yesterday. The men were killed during Friday's shelling of Sidon harbour by Syrian artillery. (UPI telephoto)

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By ANAN SAFADI
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The Middle East News Agency said that Syrian President Hafez Assad has ordered his troops in Lebanon to halt their advance on the beleaguered PLO-leftist forces. These forces have been whittled down to a handful of enclaves centred in the mountain town of Aley, west of Beirut, and the isolated port cities of Sidon and Tripoli. Assad was said to have issued the cease-fire order at the request of Saudi Arabia's King Khalid, who is hosting the summit conference.

The Riyadh gathering groups Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Lebanon's President Elias Sarkis, Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Salem al-Sabah in addition to Assad and PLO chief Yasser Arafat. Sadat went to Riyadh after being sworn in for another six-year term as president. The summit conference was his first encounter with the Syrian leader in 19 months. The two men have been at odds ever since Egypt began negotiating the September 1975 Sinai Interim settlement, which Damascus blamed for causing disarray throughout the Arab world. Their relations deteriorated further over the crisis in Lebanon where militant Syria took the side of the rightist forces and Egypt supported the radical PLO-leftist camp.

The Saudi news media said that last night's meeting offered the "chance of a lifetime" to settle the Lebanese strife and mend fences between Egypt and Syria, one-time allies in the 1973 Yom Kippur War. They warned that if the talks failed, the "long and bloody night" in Lebanon and the entire Arab world would continue.

Syrian President Assad was reported to have gone to Riyadh determined not to compromise over his intervention in Lebanon. He reportedly stood by his intention to complete his military offensive in Lebanon unless the PLO disengaged itself from the leftists (most of whom support Iraq against Syria) and withdrew to refugee camps. Lebanon's state authority would then be restored.

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The study, made available by Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-NY) to The Jerusalem Post yesterday, said that the Arabs would outnumber the Jews in Israel because of their higher birth rate.

Using what the study said was information received from "not identifiable" pro-Arab or pro-Jewish sources, the study said that the Arab population, including the Arabs from the occupied territories, will outnumber the Jewish population in 2043. "When the Arabs from the occupied territory are not included," the study continued, "the Arab population of Israel will be a majority in the year 2078."

The population projection was based on an estimated annual Jewish immigration to Israel of about 25,000. "The Jewish immigration rate of 25,000 annually is lower than the 32,000 average between 1967 and 1974," the study said, "but takes into account the unpublished rate of Israeli emigration, estimated between 8,000 and 17,000."

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Warner cancels plan to make Entebbe operation film here

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Warner Brothers, the American film producers, have decided to cancel their option for the production in Israel of a film about Operation Yonatan, apparently because of Israeli bureaucracy and lack of cooperation. The decision will cost Israel an estimated \$15m. which Warner Bros. intended to invest in the film here.

As well as detailed accounts from both the hostages and those who took part in the actual operation. However, once Warner started working on a script from the book, the military allegedly reneged on much of the basic information, leaving the American company with very little which had not been presented to the public before in any one of a dozen different accounts of the operation.

The source further claims that even though the army had appointed a brigadier-general to coordinate between the military and Warner, there were no clear guidelines, and decisions took a long time in filtering down to Warner executives, who had come to Israel to work on the project. In other cases, information which was denied to Warner was later published in other sources, such as "Aviation Week," despite the fact that Warner felt that the company had exclusive rights to the material. There were problems on the production level as well. The Jerusalem Post was told last night that decisions which should have taken hours took weeks. The source also claimed that Warner felt that they were not getting the cooperation they deserved in such elementary things as site locations.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

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Haifa	45	16-23	22	16
Shimon	55	18-25	26	18
Tel Aviv	55	18-25	26	18
B-G Airport	55	18-25	26	18
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Gaza	45	16-23	22	16
Suez	45	16-23	22	16
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Social and Personal

Oregon Governor Robert Straub and Mrs. Straub on Friday called on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. They were accompanied by Mayor Robert Goldschmidt of Portland and Mrs. Goldschmidt and by Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Tanzer.

French ambassador Jean Heri paid a courtesy call on Haifa Mayor Yerubam Zeisel at the latter's office on Thursday.

Avigdor Shendel, a former business manager of The Jerusalem Post, has been appointed director general of the Israel Export Institute from tomorrow. Mr. Shendel's post was with the Cial concern.

ARRIVALS

Paul Zuckerman, United Jewish Appeal president in the U.S., to participate in the organization's forthcoming national conference. This year in Jerusalem (Oct. 21-23).

Mrs. Louis Schreiber, honorary national president of American Mizrachi Women, and Mr. Louis Schreiber.

Mrs. Jess Ward, honorary chairman National Board of American Mizrachi Women.

Rina Mor, Miss Universe, from New York, for a week's home leave (Oct. 21-23).

DEPARTURES

Judge Michal Lindenstrauss of the Tel Aviv District Court, for Canada and the U.S. for a series of lectures sponsored by the Zionist organizations of the two countries.

Yacht passenger to be released

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Gerard Dessin, the 26-year-old Dutchman arrested last Thursday when a Cypriot yacht was brought into Haifa port, is expected to be released within the next 24 hours, security force sources said last night.

Dessin, who is from the town of Nijmegen in eastern Holland, is a member of the Palestina Komitee, an organization which supports the struggle of the Palestinian people for the realization of one democratic Palestine. Reportedly the group has been collecting money for medical supplies for the Palestinians in Lebanon.

The decision to release Dessin comes after a week of questioning during which it was determined he was not involved in any terrorist activity or organization.

The 27 other passengers and crew aboard the yacht had been permitted to continue their journey after questioning. Five of the passengers were Iraqi diplomats.

On Friday the Dutch Premier erroneously announced that Dessin had already been released.

THE 60th ANNIVERSARY of Kibbutz Kfar Giladi in Upper Galilee, was celebrated on Friday night. The settlement was the first of the Hashomer organizations defence points.

Second hakafot celebrated throughout land President joins in Tora dancing

By JUDY SEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Swept into a make-like chain of young people bobbing with a Tora scroll under an outstretched prayer shawl, President Ephraim Katsir was one of hundreds of thousands of Israelis prolonging the joy of Simhat Tora last night.

It was the second year in a row that the President had invited members of Gezer, an organization aimed at bringing secular and religious young people together, for second hakafot (Tora circuits) at Beit Hanania.

"I love young people and Jewish tradition and singing and dancing," Prof. Katsir told The Jerusalem Post as he took a breather and watched his guests sit on the ground (boys and girls separately), link arms and sway to the music. "Understanding and enjoying Jewish tradition makes young Jews really feel like brothers."

Although Simhat Tora, the holiday celebrating the conclusion and renewal of the cycle of Tora readings, coincides with Shmini Atzeret in Israel, Simhat Tora was just beginning last night in the Diaspora.

Scholars of the Kabbalah instituted the custom of second hakafot about 400 years ago in Safed as a symbol of solidarity with Jews everywhere.

The youth bands, dancing and singing, proved a strong competitor in drawing crowds from movie-houses and other downtown night spots.

Thousands more filled Kikar Shabbat in Mea Shearim, where black-suited men danced ecstatically until they were dizzy and out of breath. The IDF's central hakafot took place in the Tel Aviv region, attended by Chief of Staff Rav-Alim Mordechai Gur, soldiers and new immigrants.

Tel Aviv's Kikar Ma'aleh B'Yisrael was the site of more dancing and waving of flags by children carried on their parents' shoulders.

At the edge of Independence Park in the capital, about 5,000 assembled to watch the city's central second hakafot last night, organized by Hechal Shlomo with help from the municipality and the Ministries of Tourism and Religious Affairs.

Each circuit around the platform was accompanied by its own style of music, alternately Sephardi and Ashkenazi. Briefly shaking hands with Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, his Ashkenazi counterpart, Rabbi Shlomo Goren, danced with the Tora and told the crowd that after the desecration of Tora scrolls by Arabs at the Machpelah Cave on the morning before Yom Kippur, "we must show our faith in the eternity of the Tora of Israel."

Sephardi dancers in motley robes like Joseph's coat of many colours followed, as did officers in the Israel Police, Hahad Hassidim and others.

Gush Etzion organized hakafot for the first time in Kaddum, and thousands arriving in cars danced along with settlers living in caravans. Celebrations also took place in Ofra and Kiryat Arba.

Perhaps the most flamboyant of all were the festivities at Kfar Habad, where 30,000 people — including many soldiers, immigrants and hassidim — danced with the Tora or watched from the sidelines.

New settlements for Arava

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEVA. — Agriculture Minister Aharon Uzan told The Jerusalem Post during a tour of settlements in the Arava last week that if his ministry's budget is not cut, it will increase the Arava's population by 250 per cent.

The first of a number of new settlements to be established in the region will be Mozhav Idan, near Hatzeva. It will belong to "Tnuat Hamoshavim (the Moshav Movement)" and in common with other new settlements planned for the area, will grow winter vegetables for export.

It will include a moshav next to Ne'ot Hakikar (to be called Ne'ot Hakikar Beth) and a kibbutz for new immigrants.

Year for silence on Netanyahu hotel arson

NETANYA. — A local youth who failed to report to police plans he overheard for an arson attempt which took six lives here was sentenced on Friday to a year in prison.

David Amar, 20, had overheard friends planning an attack against the Park Hotel here. The subsequent fire, in March of this year, gutted the hotel.

In sentencing Amar, Netanya Magistrate Arye Segalson said the country's lawmakers should increase the maximum penalty for the offence, which is now two years.

IL200,000 pay for Sanbar contested

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

A group of shareholders in Haqara Paper Mills is to oppose the management's decision to pay Moshe Sanbar — who next month becomes chairman of the board — an annual salary of IL200,000.

A member of the group told The Jerusalem Post he will raise the issue at the annual general meeting in Tel Aviv tomorrow.

He pointed out that Sanbar will be working only half-time and that the company is at present in financial difficulties and has asked for Government aid.



Premier Rabin and Defence Minister Peres in Hebron on Friday.

Rabin, Peres visit Hebron

Jerusalem Post Staff

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres visited Hebron on Friday and inspected the Tombs of the Patriarchs, the Avraham Avinu synagogues and the former Hadassah hospital building in the town's old Jewish quarter.

According to the Government Press Office, Mr. Rabin was given a briefing on the renovation work going on at the synagogue and on measures being taken to resume prayers there and bring life in Hebron back to normal.

The two-week-old curfew in Hebron — imposed after Arab youths rioted at the Tombs — was lifted yesterday afternoon for two hours to allow local residents to shop for food. Restrictions on traffic to Kiryat Arba also continued — reportedly

to foil plans by Gush Etzion to stage parades in Hebron.

An undisclosed number of Kiryat Arba settlers and Hebron residents were reported under questioning in connection with the desecration of Tora scrolls released at the Tombs during the disturbances.

In Nabulus, meanwhile, a business strike failed yesterday when security forces took swift measures against attempts by extremists to stir up unrest. Minor incidents in which pupils hurled rocks at security forces were reported during the day. Some Nabulus sources said they were a protest against renewed attempts by the authorities to implement the Value Added Tax (VAT), while others said they were aimed against the continued curfew in Hebron.

Carter adviser: Israel should get needed arms

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prof. Samuel Huntington, presidential candidate Jimmy Carter's national security adviser, said on Friday that Israel should be supplied with all the weapons it needs to defend itself. But, he added, one could not help noting that certain elements of domestic policy were involved in the timing of President Ford's recent announcement of new arms supplies for Israel. "Coming in the wake of the foreign policy debate in which Ford did not do very well, the connection seems obvious," he maintained.

Prof. Huntington, who completed a three-day visit here on Friday, said in an Israeli television interview that Carter's top priority here, I met with some 25 senior Government officials and political leaders and I have heard at least as many views."

high priority, because of the potential dangers of the situation, future dealings with problems of the region should take second place.

He recalled that Carter had stated on several occasions that the U.S. was committed to Israel's security and survival and had called for direct talks between Israel and the Arab states. Carter does not have a definitive view on Israel's future borders and holds that this question should be resolved in negotiations between the parties, Prof. Huntington said.

Asked what he thought of Israel's official views on a possible solution of the Middle East conflict, Prof. Huntington replied with a smile: "During my three days here, I met with some 25 senior Government officials and political leaders and I have heard at least as many views."

Yadlin won't step down

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It will have no value or meaning, because my credibility in the eyes of the public is being destroyed. People are usually reluctant to deal with this kind of incitement and as a result decisions are taken under pressure which upset the proper process.

Yadlin said he had read carefully the report by the Attorney-General which had been submitted to the Justice Minister and had found nothing incriminating in it. He had submitted his reply to the report in writing, as requested by the Attorney-General.

"Until this moment nobody has suggested that there was any criminal evidence against me. Nobody with authority in the Government, or any other authorized body, has suggested that I should give up the Governor's post. Everything

that has been written in the press is only based on rumours and is three or four times as much as what is mentioned in the report."

Yadlin refused to be drawn into the question of whether he had information which might cause embarrassment and criticism of other public figures, saying this had never been his way of doing things. He also had no complaints with regard to his own interrogation by the police, although he had heard that the same fair methods were not always applied in other cases.

Danish Minister due here today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Denmark is sending its Minister for Ecclesiastical Affairs and Greenland, Jorgen Peter Hansen, to attend a rally in Jerusalem on Wednesday marking the rescue of the Jewish community by the Danes during the Second World War.

Mr. Hansen, who is due to arrive today, is said to be interested in seeing whether the kibbutz system can be adopted for Greenland.

The Jerusalem meeting at the Wise Auditorium is sponsored by the Israel-Denmark Friendship Association.

Stray shell hits Metulla orchard

KIRYAT SHMONA. — A stray mortar shell (apparently Syrian) from Lebanon landed Friday night in the apple orchard along the border behind Metulla. Several trees were burned but there was no other damage.

Metulla residents said the incident happened during firing between the nearby Lebanese Christian village of Kila and Moslems in the Lebanese town of Marj Ayun. They added that the firing resumed yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday, Metulla residents saw Christian Phalangists about 200 metres from the border fence turning back a Moslem convoy. Kila women who work in Metulla's cooling plant said yesterday that they of the season, defeating Liverpool 2-1. Liverpool beat Everton 2-0 to the top of the First Division.

The Better Ball medal was won by Kay Robb of Tel Aviv (85) points, one better than O'Callaghan of the UN and Berkow of Haifa.

English football

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Histadrut m from Dimor charged wi extortion

By HAIM SHARAI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEVA. — Former Labour Council chairman Yefet was formally charged Friday with extorting IL60,000 of goods from two Dimor wholesalers.

Yefet, who is now in Arab affairs in the Areas Histadrut Central Committee charged with extorting IL20,000 cash from the wholesalers, leading to the indictment, he is wanted to use his influence various public bodies from them if they did not. The charges, presented in District Court here, state that Yefet took IL20,000 in silver and silver from food and beverage stores Yosef Moshe of Dimor in 1973-74. This was allegedly for securing Moshe's release of public bodies and was also allegedly threatened Moshe if his family did not continue to give the free groceries, business would suffer.

Yefet is similarly charged taking IL40,000 worth of from Moshe's brother Eliyahu Moshe, during the period, with making threats against him.

Furthermore, in 1975, it is he demanded IL15,000 in Yosef Moshe, warning that if the Histadrut's Hamaiz merkezi chain would open market in Dimora. Yosef M. IL6,000 and, as Yefet kept his brother then paid IL5,000, it is alleged.

Yefet was first detained earlier this month. MK Amir requested the Police maintained that Eliyahu M. signed a statement in his name that the accusations Yefet were a frame-up.

IDF office jailed for W. Bank dec

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

The Israeli major found guilty of causing the death of a Palestinian during the 1975-76 period, was sentenced to imprisonment and broken rank of private, it was yesterday.

The accused, whose name has not been released, has a sentence, which was in camera two weeks ago.

He was found guilty of ing troops under his command handle 45-year-old Dahoul of Safit in the Bank while Dahoul was transported to Tulikarm for treatment. Dahoul, who was a member of the local Arab nationalist party, was reported to have died of a heart

Israel places 32 in amateur go

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel yesterday placed 32nd out of 58 participants in its first appearance in the lower Trophy, the world go championship, being held in Ramna, Portugal.

The highlight of Israeli go was the final round of turned by Laurie Been of Be'er Sheva, who defeated the four with a score of 316 holes. Barry Mandel of Tel Aviv placed 24th and Neil 38th.

The trophy was won by with 892, Japan was second with 884 and Australia third with 884. Israel's score was 1002.

Caesarea golf

CAESAREA. — Jules Cube of Kfar Shmaryahu and Eli Heredia Pituch yesterday Better Ball Stableford competition here with 43 points, better than Charles Firer and Shlomo Chelouch of Tel Aviv.

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WALL POSTER CAMPAIGN BEGINS Mao's widow named in plot to kill Hua

PEKING. — The war of rumours against Mao Tse-tung's widow Chiang Ching erupted over the weekend into an open campaign of wall posters and mass meetings denouncing her for plotting to assassinate China's new leader, Hua Kuo-feng. But diplomatic sources discounted rumours reported on Thursday that she and her three chief radical colleagues had already been executed.

Reliable sources said Mao's ex-wife and three other leading radicals — party vice-chairman Wang Hung-wen, vice premier Chang Chun-chiao and Yao Wen-yuan — were being named in reports circulating among Chinese as having planned to murder the moderate Hua.

A bitter wall-poster campaign against Chiang Ching and her friends broke out at universities here and in Shanghai, where they first rose to power 10 years ago during the Cultural Revolution. Japanese newspapers — often confiscated here — carrying reports of the plot were delivered to their Chinese subscribers, which was seen as an indirect acknowledgment of the plot story.

An anti-Communist newspaper in Hong Kong said yesterday that repeated clashes had occurred in China, between Chinese militia and regular troops, resulting in heavy casualties on both sides, following Chiang's arrest.

The newspaper "Tai Po," quoting a recent arrival, said most members of militia are loyal to Chiang and often defy orders from the People's Liberation Army. It said it believed such incidents had occurred in Shanghai, Changchun and Hangchow. It appeared over the weekend that a purge of leftists was imminent — if not already under way.

Reuter correspondent Peter Griffiths visited Peking's Tsinghua University once a hotbed of radicalism, and saw students avidly reading a poster urging the Central Committee under Hua to take over the campus' left-wing administration. Posters appeared in Shanghai and the city of Wuhan attacking the "Shanghai Four." Late on Friday night a big, singing crowd marched on the dockside headquarters of the Communist Party in Shanghai and called for two men, who were led away. Their identities were not known.

Yesterday, hundreds of thousands of demonstrators marched down Shanghai's Sun Yat-sen Boulevard demanding punishment for the "Shanghai Four."

The Tokyo newspaper "Asahi," quoting what it called "reliable sources" in Peking, said the plan to assassinate Hua was part of a coup scheme that was uncovered on October 7.

The alleged evidence for the plot was among the material confiscated from Chiang Ching's home by Party Central Committee officials and army officers. (Earlier reports had said evidence was found that Mao's widow had been forging documents and a will in Mao's name making her party chairman in succession to him.)

According to "Asahi" after Mao's death on September 9 party leaders met in Peking, where they reportedly discussed Mao's successor. The majority favoured Hua, but vice-premier Chang Chun-chiao and other radicals, named Chiang Ching who told the meeting that Hua could not lead the party. However, the majority went along with Mao's decision in April, in which Hua had been elevated to premier and first vice chairman of the party.

"Asahi" said Chiang Ching and her "Shanghai group" then stormed out of the meeting. But they were back at the Party Central Committee meeting on October 7, "Asahi" said, and were among those arrested that day.

According to the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug, Chiang Ching and her radical followers had relied on the help of Chen Hsi-lien, the commander of the Peking garrison to stage her coup, but Chen informed Hua of the plot.

Reuters sources said some Chinese had been told that three conservatives were killed in an incident connected with the leftist assassination plot. Meanwhile the official Chinese Hsinhua news agency said the campaign of support for "Comrade" Hua (the same term used for Mao) as the country's new leader was spreading across China. Hua's appointment as Party Chairman has still not been officially announced by Peking. But unofficial wall posters proclaimed his appointment last Saturday and a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman told foreign reporters that Hua was new party chairman. (AP, Reuter)

Hundreds of leftists rounded up in Thailand

BANGKOK. — Thailand's martial law regime — having arrested about 200 politicians, students, journalists and others suspected of communist subversion during the past few days — searched yesterday for socialist leaders, and warned of sabotage against military installations.

Several thousand persons, many university students, have been arrested in nationwide sweeps since a military junta took power 11 days ago, but authorities said most were freed or released on bail after investigation.

"We are very concerned about problems in army depots around the country. Intelligence reports say groups of men working against the regime plan to destroy military supplies and commit arson in Bangkok," a spokesman for the ruling National Administrative Council said.

Reliable diplomatic sources said the council was more nervous of moves against it by dissatisfied army officers than about violence from the left, the backbone of which has been broken for the time being.

"The whole thing isn't wrapped up yet," one source said. A number of leftist politicians, students and others were reported to have gone abroad or into hiding in Thailand. Immigration sources said a "black list" of those forbidden to leave the country was being used at Bangkok's airport. Police roadblocks have been set up on the 16-km. stretch between Bangkok and the airfield.

The estimated 200 suspects are being detained under a martial law decree which allows detention without bail or charges for up to 30 days. Police said a special committee could extend the detention period.

Bangkok was under its third day yesterday of a 10 p.m. to 4.30 a.m. curfew. Police said 2,000 curfew violators were fined over the past two nights.

The arrests appeared to reflect a toughening policy by the junta, which seized power after bloody street fighting between leftist and rightist elements, then took a tough anti-communist stance. Police have raided bookstores, libraries, homes and offices throughout the country and confiscated thousands of allegedly communist documents.

Those who have a record of involvement in communist activities in the past are likely to be searched, if not arrested," a military spokesman said. "Those who have enough money are likely to get away." (AP)



Leon trainer Dave Chivone hits at his lion with a baton to force him off newscaster Del Donahoe, who is holding his hands over his face and ears. The animal attacked during the filming of a television feature in Elyria, Ohio, on how to train lions. Donahoe was bitten in the neck and face. (Elyria Chronicle Telegram via UPI)

Mafia boss Gambino dies — of natural causes

NEW YORK. — Carlo "Don Carlo" Gambino, the reputed "boss of all bosses" of organized crime in the U.S. and a prototype for the "Godfather" novel and film, died of natural causes here on Friday at the age of 74.

Authorities and organized crime sources say his death is expected to lead to a bitter mob struggle for leadership of organized crime. Gambino had seized the reins in 1969, after the death in prison of Vito "Don Vito" Genovese.

The stocky, gray-haired mobster had been under deportation orders since 1967. A series of appeals culminated in 1970 in a U.S. Supreme Court decision letting the order stand. But by then Gambino's health made deportation questionable.

Born in Palermo, Sicily, on August 24, 1902, Gambino entered the U.S. in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1921 as a stowaway. The deportation order was based on his illegal entry. As he worked his way up in the mob, Gambino was said to have gained control of Brooklyn waterfront, construction, labour, gambling and loan-shark rackets.

He served 22 months in prison in 1937 for operating a liquor still near Philadelphia, and his record showed six other arrests for bootlegging. During World War II, according to Joe Valachi, a mafioso turned police informant, Gambino made over \$1m. on food ration stamps, having them stolen by underlings or buying them illegally from government representatives.

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Castro thinks CIA still trying to murder him

WASHINGTON. — Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro says he has access to secret Central Intelligence Agency communications and he believes he may still be the target of a CIA assassination plot.

In a Havana broadcast, Castro disclosed the existence of a Cuban double-agent who the Cuban ruler said has been on the CIA payroll for a decade. He said the agent received a message a week ago from CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia, requesting him to provide details of a trip Castro plans to Angola next month.

Castro never said that the CIA's goal in seeking the information was assassination, but he recalled the "numerous plans" of the CIA to assassinate Cuban government leaders. "We suspect that the U.S. Government has not renounced such practices," Castro said.

A year ago, Castro said that during the 1960s, there were 24 CIA-sponsored assassination attempts against him. A number of these were confirmed by a Senate intelligence committee investigation.

Castro said in the broadcast those who believe "that the CIA has changed in the least as a result of the charges made against it... are making a great mistake."

He said the importance of the CIA message requesting information

on his travels prompted him to reveal the existence of the double agent, even though "it means sacrificing a valuable source of information."

The agent "has kept the Cuban Government fully informed of all his contacts with the CIA, and the equipment and instructions he has received," Castro said.

Castro added that the CIA tried to keep tabs on his travels by directing the agent to place a microtransmitter in the office of a high official of the Council of Ministers.

Castro made the revelations during a funeral service for 57 Cubans who died in the crash of a Cuban passenger plane last week. He blamed the CIA for sabotaging the plane and said the Cuban Government will retaliate by renou-

ing the 1973 anti-hijacking agreement between Cuba and the U.S. The agreement has a six-month cancellation clause and Castro said Cuba would cease to abide by it as of April 15, 1977.

The State Department categorically denied any U.S. involvement and said it would hold Cuba "strictly accountable" for any hijackings which result from the calling off of the agreement. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger called the Cuban action "unfriendly and irresponsible."

U.S. to ban aerosol sprays soon

WASHINGTON. — A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announcement Friday it will soon ban aerosol sprays used for food, drug and other products, saying they were "wasting the earth's atmosphere."

The Food and Drug Administration said it will take steps next few weeks to eliminate non-essential use of propellants, contained in food, drug and other products.

The FDA said its action prompted by a recent National Academy of Sciences report that fluorocarbon gases are depleting the ozone layer, which screens the surface from ultraviolet rays. FDA Commissioner John F. Schmidt said: "The fact that fluorocarbon propellants are used to dispense common household products, such as deodorant, is a serious problem. Without remedy, the ozone could be a profound advance on our weather and incidence of skin cancer."

Details of the phase-out programme are to be announced by the end of the month. The agency said it will require a label to be placed on aerosol cans to warn shoppers that the product contains a gas which damages the environment. Manufacturers have been asked to roll out dispensing hand pumps containers.

Half of dead Jo'burg rioters shot in backs

JOHANNESBURG. — More than half the victims killed by police bullets during the mid-summer riots in Johannesburg and its suburbs were shot from behind, a government commission of inquiry was told.

State pathologist Johannes Taljaard told the commission that of the 229 post-mortems performed at the government mortuary, two-thirds had died of gunshot wounds while others died of stabbing and other multiple injuries.

Taljaard said 80 persons were shot from the back, 28 from the side and 42 from the front.

Tests were given to victims "where possible," the pathologist said, and more than half were found to have been under the influence of alcohol.

In rioting and violence around the country since June, when the disturbances first broke out in Soweto, a black township 12 kms. south of Johannesburg, at least 340 persons have been killed and over 2,000 wounded.

In other developments, a mob of black rioters last week stoned a bus on the outskirts of Middelburg, east of Pretoria, in protest against the appearance of 60 youths on trial for arson and damage to property during riots in the township two months ago.

EVACUATED. — Rescuers evacuated more than 7,000 people from around the Australian capital of Canberra yesterday as raging floodwaters threatened to burst a partly completed dam.

N. Korean envoys ran drug racket, Denmark charges

COPENHAGEN. — Denmark has asked the North Korean government to recall its ambassador and his diplomatic staff of three, accusing them of selling illicit drugs, duty-free liquor and cigarettes.

The Foreign Ministry announced the decision on Friday after Danish police discovered a narcotics network said to have used diplomatic bags to smuggle 147 kilos of hashish into the country.

The statement said: "It has been established that diplomats of the embassy have been selling large amounts of narcotics, and for a considerable time all diplomats of the mission have been engaged in the sale of liquor and cigarettes imported for the use of the embassy and its personnel."

Copenhagen police Deputy-Inspector Ole Noergaard said 16 people had been arrested in connection with the case. They included seven Danes, two Syrians, and a Lebanese.

Ford defers action in case of Indian Jew

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT. — President Ford said last week he was waiting for the judicial process to be completed before he dealt with the appeal by the former head of the Indian Jewish community, Eliahu Ephraim Jhrad, for political asylum in the U.S.

Asked by The Jerusalem Post whether he was familiar with the case, the President replied quickly, "Yes, I am."

"As I recall, the Supreme Court has made a decision," he continued. "So the process of extradition (to India) is still going on. I don't think that I should make any decision until there has been a resolution of that by the proper authorities. Once that is done, then I think that his request for political asylum can be properly taken into consideration by the President."

India has been seeking Jhrad's extradition from the U.S. since 1972, charging that he had embezzled funds while serving as the judge advocate-general of the Indian Navy more than 15 years ago.

Cosmonaut ordered to return home

MOSCOW. — Two Soviet cosmonauts were ordered back yesterday after an unusual admission of failure after systems on their Soyuz-23 craft ran into trouble.

The system failure for cancellation of a planned mission with the Salyut-6 orbital station was the first time since the Soviet mission given a go-ahead on Thursday night, reported by the local TV agency.

The two cosmonauts, widely expected to spend a long period in space, had been linked with which has been on since June.

34 intellets pledge to bias in U.S.

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT. — Leading intellectuals yesterday pledged to "do their utmost" to sway a new vote at the general conference, which Naftali Herz Alon, Israel's full rights member of the 140-member

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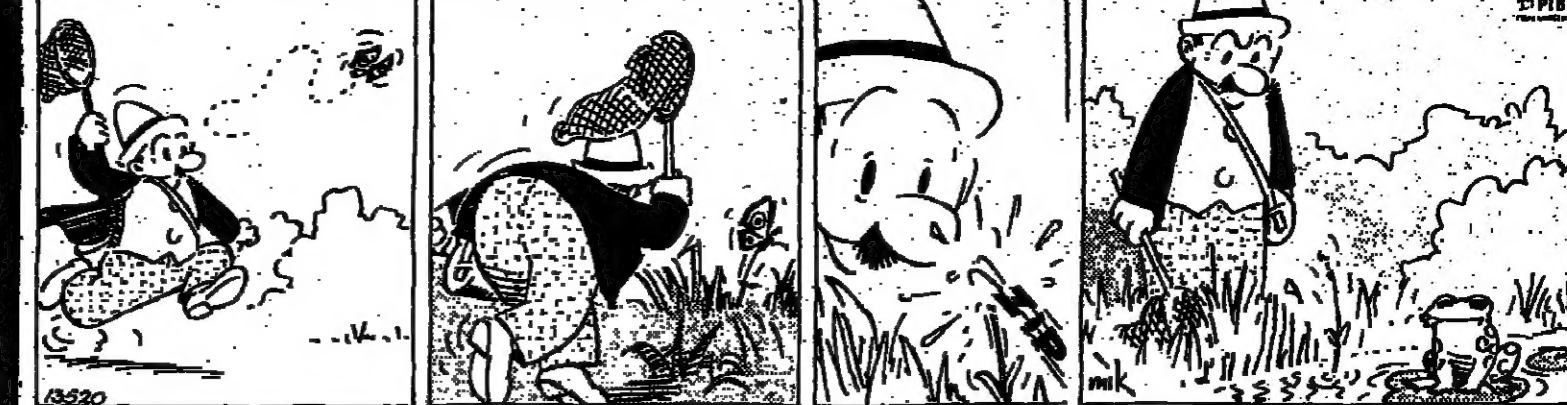
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18.30 "Road to the Star" - musical with Carol King

ARABIC-LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES: 18.30 News roundup

18.35 Film: Robinson Crusoe (part two)

19.00 Documentary: Fire in an Oil Refinery

19.30 News and weekly magazine

19.35 TVOGE: A new musical at 20.00 with Youth Theatre: "The lead soldier" by Uri Olev.

20.00 "The lead soldier" by Uri Olev. Two children seek refuge from the Nazis in the home of a gentle woman.

20.30 All in the Family: The Jeffersons Move Up

21.00 Mahat newsworld

21.30 Second Look: Programme of news highlights and analysis

22.00 Selections from the Israel Song Festival 5735. With Miki Kam.

Yehoram Gaon, "Nothing Lasts Forever, Hallelu" singing troupe, and the Hebrew University dance troupe

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23.40 News

JORDAN TV (unofficial): 18.15 Cartoon, 18.30 Space, 19.00 19.30 News in Hebrew, 20.00 News in Arabic, 20.30 Love Thy Neighbour, 21.00 Sports magazine, 21.30 21.55 22.00 News in English, 22.15 Sports.

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12.15 30 sec programme announcements.

14.10 Stories for children.

15.05 A moment for Hebrew grammar.

17.15 Notes on agriculture.

20.10 Informal discussion.

Second Programme

6.00 Prayer and Mishna reading.

6.30 Programme announcements.

6.59 A moment for Hebrew grammar.

7.53 Driving tips

10.05 Popular times (until 10.05)

10.05 15 sec. - 30 sec. interviews on topics assumed to be of interest to women

12.05 Productive Pace - for workers and employers.

12.30 Hebrew songs

14.45 Today's sports.

16.05 A moment of poetry.

16.53 Popular music (until 6.53)

6.55 Prayer

6.55 Gymnastics.

7.00 Songs and messages from soldiers (until 10.00)

10.05 Popular music (until 12.00)

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7.00 (Fourth, Fifth) 15 minutes, including review of Hebrew press

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24.00 (Fifth) 30 min.

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Hungarian 15 (Fifth) 15 min.

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Romanian 20.30 (First) 15 min.

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ON THE AIR

First Programme

7.07 Morning concert - Gibbons: 1. Magnificat; 2. Soler: Quilist No. 1; Tomkins: Two Songs; Milhaud: Saudades do Brasil; Chopin: 10 Mazurkas (Benedetti); Michelangelo: Prokofiev: Classical Symphony; Bolin: Scene from Metastasio; Wieniawski: Violin Concerto No. 2 (Stryz); Ligeti: Two Songs; Chopin: Ballade in G Minor, Op. 23.

10.15 Songs

10.40 Radio drama: A short story for Simha Tora by Yitzhak Dov Berikowitz

12.05 (Stereo): Ruth Kottik, piano - Mozart: Fantasy in D Minor, K. 397; Brahms: Two Rhapsodies Op. 79; Durfina: Four Pieces; Chopin: Polonaise Op. 40; Hindemith: Sonata

13.00 Villalobos: Uirapuru (Stereo); Prokofiev: Concertino for Piano; Milgrom: Music for Ballet

15.01 A trip to the Golan with Reuven Yisrael

15.50 Lesson in spoken Arabic

16.05 Notes on a new book, 16.15 (Stereo): Bach: Cantata No. 98 (Gaechinger Kantorei, Helmut Reiling); Haydn: Mass No. 12 in B-flat Major (Stereo)

17.00 (Stereo): Concert of a composer - Peter Southworth

18.05 "M. Croche Antidilettante," from the critical writings of Claude Debussy (part two)

30.45 Bosovich: "Shir Hamalot" (IPO, Berlin); Gellman: Three Songs (Antonia Lavanne, Yosef Tal); Yosef Tal: Double Concerto for Violin and Cello

21.30 Reflections on the portion of the week with Prof. Yehayahu Leibowitz

21.50 Discussion on Hallelu with Rabbi Shalom

22.05 (Stereo): Praetorius: Branie de la Reine; Mozart: Divertimento in E-flat Major (Isaac Stern, Pinhas Zukerman, Leonard Rose); Ravel: Piano Concerto in G Major (Martha Argerich, Claudio Abbado); Sibelius: Symphony No. 3 in D Major, Op. 43

Second Programme

13.30 Israeli songs

15.05 Stage and Screen - songs from musicals

17.10 Folk songs

18.05 Classic songs

19.00 People and events in the news

19.47 Bible Reading: Joshua 4, 4

20.05 Golden Watch Club - on the world of retirement

21.05 Jazz Corner - recordings of Bobo Hackett

21.50 On Jews and Judaism

22.05 The Nuclear Era - Prof. Shimon Yitah, president of the Israeli Nuclear Society, talks about atomic power

23.05 Manny Pe'er's talk and entertainment show

00.10 Israeli songs

Army Radio

7.07 On drivers and traffic: reports from police positions, features on transportation, quizzes, information on tours of the country

12.05 Special reports

12.45 Fifteen Minutes - a brief survey of current events in Israel and around the world

13.05 Radio Noon - two performing groups challenge each other in a popularity poll among listeners

14.05 Sports magazine

14.55 David Kochav's economic corner

15.05 Personal File - interview with Frieda Carmel, wife of the late Sgan-Aluf Ben-Zion Carmel

16.35 Needle in a record stack - new record acquisitions

18.57 Programme announcements

19.57 Yitahk Ziv talks about our right to exist

20.05 Comedy skits

20.55 "Headline" - international news

21.05 "Rescue Under Fire" - techniques used to rescue, treat and restore the Yom Kippur War wounded

22.05 On Duty - Avi Toleadon and Dudu Dotan answer questions from soldiers

00.05 Night birds - songs, chat

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10.10-10.35; 11.10-11.35 Programmes for Schools.

12.15 30 sec programme announcements.

14.10 Stories for children.

15.05 A moment for Hebrew grammar.

17.15 Notes on agriculture.

20.10 Informal discussion.

Second Programme

6.00 Prayer and Mishna reading.

6.30 Programme announcements.

Young couples' flats

The problem of how young couples manage to buy a flat is explored by Post reporter Shoshana Birnbaum in the first of two articles.

There are very few generalizations one can make in this country regarding the purchase of an apartment. And if you are a young couple, chances are the "method" you used to buy (or begin to buy) an apartment is quite unique.

A selection of young couples interviewed all recommended different "solutions" to the problem of finding a down payment for a flat. But on one point they all agreed: without parental help they would be unable to buy a flat — even if the young husband and wife both worked and earned good salaries.

The following case histories will show the great variety of methods young couples used in order to scrape together enough cash for a down payment.

Yakov and Sara are a "success story," living in a three-room apartment in Ramat Lezion. But if Sara's parents had not helped them, they could never have bought, says Yakov. When they got married two years ago Yakov was earning IL1,500 a month as a computer programmer, and his wife made a similar amount as a secretary. It was impossible on those salaries to even think of buying an apartment. So they rented.

But a change to a considerably better paying job enabled Yakov to increase his savings to IL30,000. He found a flat costing IL143,000, for which he used IL15,000 of his own money as a down payment. A bank loan brought in another IL60,000 and the rest of the purchase was paid by Sara's American parents.

Yakov thinks that the "problem of buying a flat" stems from the mentality of young couples here, who demand a flat immediately after marriage instead of renting until enough money is saved.

Renting, however, is not always the answer. The young couple in Givatayim, married two years, with one child, is now "stuck" in a rented apartment.

Zvi's salary only covers the IL700 rent and living expenses — leaving nothing to save. It's not worth while for his wife to work, because all the money would have to be spent on a woman to look after the baby. Unlike several other young couples encountered, in this case neither of the parents could give any significant help, or even provide a room in their own homes for the young people.

In the Shabari quarter behind Migdal Shalom in Tel Aviv there are a number of old Arab houses, occupied by large Jewish families now. A visit to one such residence revealed a decrepit, crumbling interior, but five large rooms. Here a young couple with two toddlers lives with the mother-in-law, who solves the children's nurse problem by looking after the two children, thus freeing her daughter, Freda, to earn IL2,200 a month.

Freda Ben-Bassat said that she and her husband had left the Dizahav kibbutz in Sinai a year ago "with a few thousand pounds in our pocket. We had no choice but to move in with my mother," she said. "My husband handles heavy vehicles, such as tractors, and works on projects around the country. He returns home about once a week, and earns some IL3,500 a month."

"If you are in a situation like ours you can't be choosy. We found a three-room flat in Azor (near Holon) built by 'Asorim' who give optimal conditions for buying."

The flat cost IL144,500 and the down payment for registration was only IL15,000. This sum was managed to save. The Housing Ministry gave us a IL70,000 mortgage, the Histadrut a IL10,000 loan and the rest we have to pay in IL2,000 monthly instalments by the end of 1977.

"We have been married 10 years. If you work hard, you can solve the housing problem yourself," Freda said matter-of-factly.

Orthodox young couples from Haredi backgrounds, for instance, find different solutions for the housing problem.

Itit of Netanya comes from a very religious family with eight children. Her father earns some IL2,500 a month working as a yeshiva employee and his wife "looks after the children," says Itit. The children are married, but there is still no spare cash to set up 19-year-old Itit and her fiancée, a 22-year-old yeshiva student from Jerusalem, also from a large family.

"We have to live in Jerusalem, because that's where David is studying," Itit explains. "A flat costing

IL180,000 here in Netanya, costs IL300,000 in Jerusalem. I earn about 1,600 a month as a hospital clerk, and my fiancée will be given about IL1,000 by the 'Kolel' — the institute where yeshiva students continue studying after marriage — but that will only just cover our every day expenses," Itit explained. "At first we thought we'd rent, but then David's parents found a three-room flat costing IL180,000 in Jerusalem. That's cheap."

But where will the money come from?

Itit says that in their Haredi circles there are gemdud hassid funds — money which is for charitable purposes including the provision of a flat for a young couple. Some of these funds come from well-to-do Hassidim abroad. "Our parents do not want us to start life with a 'load of debts,' so they will shoulder the debt of whatever the gemdud hassid fund cannot provide."

How? "I don't know — my parents are still paying the debts of their first child that got married."

Coloured window mouldings which look like hand plastering are actually part of precast units made by Ramat. (Israel Sun)

Expansion at Kiryat Weizmann

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A major step in the development of the Kiryat Weizmann complex for science-based industries was taken with the signing of a contract by the Nahmany Israel Engineering and Development Production Company with Africa-Israel Investments Ltd. for the setting up of a plant in the science park. A separate building will be put up and connected to Nahmany. The space involved is 1,500 square metres.

The contract follows along the policy whereby new buildings will be custom-built to the needs of the tenants.

At present there are 16 concerns in the Kiryat Weizmann complex. These include companies engaged in the production of medical equipment, electronics, chemicals, electronics and computers. Many of the companies take advantage of the various services made available to them by the nearby Weizmann Institute. Most recently a new company, "Techno-Chemical Objectives," occupied its new premises in the science park.

In the new stage of development by the building department of Africa-Israel Investments Ltd. pre-fabricated construction methods will be used.

NEW POINTS SYSTEM FOR YOUNG COUPLES' HOUSING

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Jerusalem Post Reporter

The term "young couple" has more than one meaning, especially when it relates to the purchase of an apartment. In July of this year the Ministry of Housing announced the new financial assistance plan under which almost any citizen can obtain a housing loan.

In so far as the definition of young couples is concerned the plan includes any couple whose marriage took place after October 1, 1970. By this definition even some elderly couples are eligible. Other conditions are that the couples do not possess now or have owned an apartment of more than one room, either in outright ownership or under a key-money contract.

Another condition is that one of the spouses or a close member of the family served in the army or the police or had been a member of the underground before the founding of the State. The idea is to eliminate Arab applicants for whose benefit a special plan has been devised. However, the clause may also rule out some Jewish applicants, such as the extremely religious who do not serve in the armed forces.

After a couple's basic eligibility has been established the next step is to determine the amount of financial aid they should receive. This is done by the use of a "point system." Under this system a maximum of 2,000 points can be achieved. Until recently the list was available to the public, but it is now freely available at the Ministry, on request.

Allocation of points under the system is as follows: Duration of marriage and type of housing: Up to one year and living with one's parents — 50 points; up to one year in a rented apartment — 100; one to two years — 100; two to three years — 150; three or more years — 200.

Size of family: 2 people — 0; 3 people — 150; 4 people — 300; 5 people — 400.

Size of apartment in relation to family size up to 1.9 people per room: 2 people per room — 100; 2.1 to 2.4 people per room — 200; 2.5 people or more per room — 200.

Monthly gross income of the couple, including side income: IL3,000 or more — 2,900; 3,000 — 100; 2,300-2,900 — 200; 1,900-2,300 — 270; 1,600-1,900 — 340; 800-1,600 — 400.

Number of members in husband's family: up to 4 — 0; 5 — 50; 6 — 100; 7 — 120; 8 — 150; 9 — 180; 10 or more — 200.

Number of members in wife's family — same calculation as for husband.

Number of brothers or sisters unmarried in husband's family: 1 — 0; 2 — 50; 3 — 100; 4 — 120; 5 or more — 150.

Residence club nears completion

TEL AVIV. — A new residence club, the third in a series introduced to Israeli housing by Jerusalem, Israel Housing & Real Estate Ltd., is nearing completion in the Bnei Brak quarter here. It is a six-storey 48-condominium apartment building designed for persons who wish to live in a club-like atmosphere. Other such clubs have been built by Israel in the Yehuda Eilat section of Tel Aviv and in Jerusalem.

Each apartment includes large living room with dining area, bedroom, eat-in kitchen and independently-controlled heating and air-conditioning. The apartments are priced between IL230,000 and IL250,000.

Israel is a conglomerate of Israel's largest building and financing companies, formed to serve families abroad who want to acquire an apartment in Israel for immediate or future residence.

Dan Hiram appointed head of Netivei Ayalon

Dan Hiram, former director-general of the Transport Ministry, took over yesterday as new managing director of the Netivei Ayalon firm in a ceremony at the Tel Aviv office of Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi. He succeeds Yisrael Grant as head of the firm, which is building a complex of superhighways in the Tel Aviv area.

Ya'acobi said at the brief ceremony that Netivei Ayalon, which has already invested IL400m. in its projects, will now give high priority to completing the new Tel Aviv Central Bus Terminal and its approach roads.

A NEW Magen David Adom first aid station in the capital's Neve Ya'acov suburb was opened yesterday by Mayor Teddy Kollek. Building costs of IL2.5m. were donated by the Chicago chapter of Magen David Adom.

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Shikun U'Pituah builds all over

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two thirds of all of the new housing built in Israel is concentrated in the areas, immigrant communities, the Kfarim community will concentrate on industrial enterprises. It is also hoped that it will become a tourist centre, its central location, away from the border area, and its high terrain offer natural advantages.

The management of the company, headed by Abraham Cahana, takes a pragmatic view towards sales. In an aggressive sales drive aimed at increasing sales in the Upper Nazareth development area, prices were cut by several thousand pounds. The response was excellent and 45 homes were sold. The same approach is being used in the Ashdod area and is also showing good results.

The company is not satisfied to build only apartments. As part of their public building programme an attempt is made to create communities with all the necessary services and amenities. Generally this means the inclusion of a shopping centre, schools, medical facilities, day centres and synagogues. At the Nazareth Hill housing project, for instance, the commercial centre was built and operated long before the housing was completed.

Shikun U'Pituah has its share of problems. The company has had liquidity problems from time to time. The management, in keeping with the times, has slashed its construction programme. Housing starts in the development areas, in immigrant communities and in the Jerusalem area have fallen from 9,025 in the 1974/1975 period, to 2,670 in the 1975/1976 period. Since April of this year only 250 starts have been undertaken.

The company possesses a large stock of land which it has accumulated over the years. Management has always shrugged off suggestions that immediate cash needs be covered out of land sale. "Land is our most valuable asset and we do not intend to sell," declared Yosef Sharon.

Shikun U'Pituah is also promoting a Build Your Own Home programme. Under its terms the company sells one or two-family home plots. They do all the development work which includes access roads and sanitation. The construction of the actual home will be done at a later date and in keeping with the desires of the customer. The programme seems to have a major advantage in that it speeds up the company's cash flow.

Shikun U'Pituah, by being able to show a profit and yet carrying out very specific national goals, provides a government company, well managed, can thrive in the highly competitive housing field.

flow of apartment buildings overlooking terraces of semi-detached cottages and the main centre in the Jerusalem suburb of Ramot Eshkol, built by Shikun U'Pituah. (Ran Erde)

building in such outposts as Dimona and Na, the company has recently by executing projects in Jerusalem quarter as well as Tel Aviv's north-

one of the most exciting of the Heights Katzrin project. The process of development is intended to provide for some 20,000 people of the Ministry of Housing, given top priority, is of vital importance.

48 families have paid deposits for apartments in the regional centre of Kfarit on the Golan Heights. Another 400 have applied.

how housing affects army morale

MARK SEGAL Post Correspondent

Inflation and housing are familiar words in Israel. A survey has shown that inflation in housing costs is the most serious problem facing the army during the last 25 and 30 per cent ranks, as their best inflation in problem.

The army is considering different ways of tackling this social problem — one proposal is a mortgage saving scheme whereby a soldier would pay for his home on an army base in the usual way. On leaving the army he would get the money back in a lump sum to buy a home in his civilian career. But the main obstacle is Treasury ob-

jections under present budgetary strictures.

More soldiers are marrying than before, and four-fifths of captains and other officers are raising families. The army fears that the traditional regimental spirit would disintegrate if more soldiers and officers buy homes outside army bases. There were 95,000 married soldiers at the start of 1976, who total community of 350,000, of whom 124,000 lived in Great Britain. This is on top of such problems as children's education and jobs for wives as soldiers get posted to different locations.

presence of families in camps. Many soldiers are hit by the rising cost of public transport — they only get 12 free travel warrants a year. Moreover what worries the army authorities even more is the steep rise in divorce rates among army families in recent years.

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FEET WEEK Market hits nine-month low

The New York Stock Exchange's composite index of all its listed common stocks lost 35 to 53.90. The Dow had not closed below 940 since last January 18, when it wound up the day at 939.63 in the midst of a powerful rally that carried it close to 1,000 by early February.

After falling 11 Dow points on Monday and another 8 on Tuesday to extend its worst prolonged decline in more than a year, the market tried to right itself with a 16-point technical rally on Wednesday.

But it fell back 12 on Thursday, and was able to advance only a point in Friday's session.

Brokers said it was difficult for the market to attract much enthusiasm in the face of generally disappointing third quarter earnings reports.

The over-all tally of NYSE-listed issues showed 552 gainers and 1,378 losers among the 2,093 traded during the week.

Big Board volume averaged 17.87 million shares a day, just surpassing the 17.85 million average of the previous week. The American Stock Exchange market value index fell 1.75 to 88.31.

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Ford, Congress and the boycott

THE ONSLAUGHT in the U.S. against the Arab boycott has been led all along by Congress, aided by the press; in other words, by the instruments of public opinion — against the resistance of the administration. This clash between the legislative and executive arms reached its climax during the present election campaign, owing partly to President Ford's bloomer in branding Congress as the obstacle to anti-boycott measures.

The truth over this issue is the other way round. A House sub-committee under Rep. John Moss has panned the administration for helping business companies to circumvent the existing anti-boycott rules. Another House committee, under Rep. Ben Rosenthal, accused the Department of Commerce three weeks ago of being "seriously remiss" in failing to refer violations by the banks to the Justice Department for prosecution.

Congress is itself sparking new legislation. The Export Administration Act, which mildly discourages compliance with Arab discrimination, has expired and is up for renewal. Two amendments, strengthening its provisions, were put to the vote. One by Adlai Stevenson in the Senate, was passed by an impressive majority of 66-12. The other by J.B. Bingham in the House of Representatives, was passed by 318-63.

Moreover, Senator Riechhoff managed to get a clause inserted into the Trade Reform Bill which penalises companies yielding to the boycott, by denying them a number of tax benefits. President Ford could not veto the bill because he needs it, and has had therefore to swallow the amendment.

He also accepted, in the heat of his debates with Jimmy Carter, the provision in the above-mentioned Stevenson amendment (yet to be enacted), which requires that the names of companies complying with the boycott be disclosed and published.

Although the controversy is taking place during the Presidential campaign, the pressure for energetic measures does not come in the first instance from either of the two contestants. They have, of course, plenty to say. Governor Carter has branded Ford's policies in this area as "a disgrace"; and in a letter to Senator Jackson stated that "legislation should be passed to make compliance with any secondary boycott of Israel illegal."

But the spadework was done by the Congressmen, who react very strongly against any intrusion into the liberty of Americans to act in accordance with their legitimate interests. As the "Washington Post" phrased it, the Arabs' boycott of Israel may be the Arabs' business — "but their attempt to establish an American boycott of Israel is something very different."

It is hard, technically speaking, to dismantle the boycott, because companies can always argue that any failure on their part to invest in Israel or trade with Israel is due to commercial, not political reasons. Such hard-headed firms can make headway with the Arabs in competition against foreign companies, which is the consideration uppermost in the minds of U.S. departments occupied with finance and trade.

But anyone stepping back a pace can see the episode in better perspective. The enforcement of boycott policies by one country or group of countries upon another is a breach of the latter's national sovereignty, a humiliating *diktat*, an interference with the freedom to trade and, of course, it can be the thin edge of the wedge. Above all, it is a bluff, because it depends on the principle of divide and rule. If all business companies unanimously rejected the boycott, none would have to suffer it.

This is the object of Congress legislation — to make compliance with the boycott so inconvenient as to be not worthwhile. The Moss sub-committee points out that the Arab blacklist contains companies making Christmas cards and children's bikinis, but not (for example) General Electric, which manufactures engines used in Israeli warplanes. It observes that "Arab trade with the Netherlands and West Germany over the past two years has not declined, despite reportedly strong anti-boycott positions taken by these countries."

It ends by recommending an international alliance to defeat the boycott. Alliances to preserve freedom of trade exist already; GATT is one of them. Businessmen should support such a notion, because it represents their common interest. For any company that, willingly or unwillingly, joins a boycott is liable to be the victim of a counter-boycott in its turn.

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Sweden is a near-classless society, and universal prosperity makes cooperation easy between rich and not-rich. One unique feature of Swedish society is the

perfect discipline that prevails in the trade union movement. The word of Sweden's 'Yeruham Mesh' is law, writes DAVID KRIVINE, after a recent vi

Workers in 80-guinea suits

THERE ARE three types of economy in Europe. First, countries with a militant trade union and relatively low living standards, like Britain or Italy. Second, countries with a compliant trade union movement and (paradoxically) high living standards, like Holland or West Germany. Third, there is Sweden.

Sweden enjoys the best of both worlds. The workers' movement, LO (Lands Organization) has a huge appetite for salary increases and social benefits. Wage costs are now, at the official exchange-rate, the highest in the world: 33.3 kronor (IL66) per man-hour, as against 28.6 kr. in the U.S., 27.2 in West Germany, 16.1 in Italy and 14.8 in Britain. (The latter is now particularly low owing to the fall in the pound.)

Yet Sweden has had no balance-of-trade problems. How can she pay such high wages without running into inflation, or incurring deficits? One answer is the perfect discipline that prevails within the LO. The recent seamen's strike in the TUC, against the wishes of the British, or the latest work-to-rule among Israeli civil servants, against the wishes of the Histadrut, could not happen there. The word of Yeruham Meshel's opposite number in Stockholm is law throughout the movement.

Not that the LO is cleverer than trade unions in other countries. Contrary to popular belief, union leaders all over the world understand economics perfectly well. But they do not want to, so the leadership is dragged, against its better judgement, into demagogic policies.

In Sweden that does not happen; not because the unions are dominated from the centre. Working men at the periphery simply respect the rules of the game. The impact in policy terms is that the LO contributes to maximising the employer's profits, and then demands a fat slice of it for the workers. In other countries, the unions demand the fat slice first. The profits do not eventuate, and the wage gains turn out to be paper gains only.

The Swedes possess a rare quality of social solidarity. They are a near-classless society. The rich man who needs an operation cannot engage the surgeon of his choice. Specialists and their skills are not for sale. He has to wait his turn in the national health service, like everybody else.

And it is no hardship. The regional hospitals could be mistaken for luxury hotels. Universal prosperity makes cooperation easy between rich and not-rich (there are no poor, according to ex-Prime Minister Olov Palme). A British journalist, observing the serried ranks of workers marching with red flags during the recent election campaign, commented drily: "It's the first time I've heard the Internationale sung by men in 80-guinea suits."

They are, of course, highly taxed, which is another paradox. A skilled worker can earn 50,000 kr. a year (IL4,200 a month) — though that may be misleading as regards purchasing power, because prices are high in terms of the Israeli pound. On the last 100 kr. of his wage he will be paying 64 per cent tax.

A young civil servant with a university degree could be making 70,000 kr. per annum, or IL5,600 a month. But his marginal tax is 74 per cent. The Social Democrats only sing the first three stanzas of the Internationale. They have ditched the fourth one, the stanza which complains that "We" — the oppressed labourers — "reel under the burden of crushing taxes."

The argument during the September elections was whether the socialists were beginning to go too far. Intoxicated by their own achievements after 44 years in power, they seemed to be on the verge of slaying the goose that lays the golden eggs. High taxes generate inflated salary demands (to increase take-home pay), and the burden of labour costs is beginning to tell.

Private initiative is saddled with an ever-growing obligation to consult with worker-representatives, and to share profits. Margarete Uggla, a young right-wing parliamentarian,



Sex equality in Sweden. Men do not consider it beneath them to work in a child-care centre.

told me, "If the public sector grows excessively, the Swedish wonder may cease to be a wonder. Maybe. But meanwhile it exists — and it is at its peak; can other countries emulate it? Or is it unique?"

THE COMBINATION of capitalist dash and socialist welfare is made possible, it would appear, by a special combination of factors. The population is small (8 million). They are homogeneous, both ethnically and in terms of social class. As a result they are suffused with the self-discipline that prevails within the bosom of a close-knit family.

There is little sense of humour. Generally speaking, jokes evoke puzzled looks. The evening before election day, six political leaders met for a consultation over TV; the Prime Minister, the Finance Minister, and the four other party chiefs. The first round of discussions lasted an hour. The press service provided a translator. During the whole of that hour, I did not detect the ghost of a smile on the face of any one of the six.

Nor did any of them interrupt, or raise his voice. It could have been, to those unfamiliar with the language, a seminar on the technology of be-
haviour.

At one point, there was an exchange between Ber Ahlmark, popular leader of the Liberal party, and the Social Democratic Finance Minister, Gunnar Strang. The subject was the Liberals' claim that the socialist administration crushes the small firm. The (condensed) argument went as follows:
Ahlmark: "Two small companies are forced out of business every day, on the average."
Strang: "Ah, but five or six new ones are registered every day."

Ahlmark: "The companies you mention are not real, they have no employees." (It appears that for tax purposes, individual farmers and other self-employed have been registering as business firms.)
Strang: "Figures before me show that companies with less than 20 employees accounted for 14 per cent of the labour force three years ago, and 16 per cent today. It's in the statistics. You haven't done your homework."

Ahlmark intended to answer that these statistics are meaningless, because when a small company passes into the ownership of a giant concern, it goes on functioning at the same place with the same number of workers. The only difference is that it is now a subsidiary. In the statistics, however, it continues to figure as a small under-
taking.

But he said nothing. Why? Because the rules limited him to two interjections on any single topic. He had made his two, and would not make a third, even though he was losing a debating point. The rules come first.

SWEDEN IS THE HEART of Scandinavia. People in Norway and Denmark do not look very different from people in England. But the Swedes are something else — slim, gigantically tall, shy, slow-spoken.

The girls are long-legged, narrow-hipped, wear trousers, stride like athletes. Since the men too have hair of an angelic golden hue and wear it long, it is sometimes difficult to distinguish between the sexes, without looking closely.

Indeed sex equality has been taken further here than in any other country. The birth-rate is low; women go for a career — 96 per cent are on the work force. (They drive buses, and even — I think — trains. One of the two people at the controls of a passenger locomotive looked female to me; but as I say, you cannot always be sure in Sweden.)

Maternity leave is seven months long, of which the last two can be taken by the husband instead of the wife, presumably to give her a break. A bill prepared by the Social Democrats (now out of office) proposed lengthening this childbirth leave to 12 months, with the last three months available only to the husband.

A civil servant who escorted us in the town of Ostersund had met his wife while studying together at Upsala University. They now have three children, aged 6, 3 and 1. But the wife has decided to study speech therapy at Stockholm University, which is about as far from Ostersund as London is from Paris. She comes home for week-ends. A young girl looks after the children during the day. In the evenings, presumably, the father takes over, changes nappies, puts the children to bed. It is not considered unusual.

Ostersund is graced with grandiose fresh-water lakes. And lakes in Sweden are, like all the country's other amenities, thoroughly hygienic. You can drink out of them. Olov Palme, still Prime Minister when I was there, is proud of that. "We have spent as much per capita on cleaning our lakes and rivers," he boasted, "as the Americans have spent on getting to the moon."

The Swedes are genuinely con-

cerned with other people's well-being. The solicitude of their social policies has to be seen to be believed. Old ladies living in the country and lodged far from the village high street are allowed to take a taxi for their weekly shopping. They are only charged a bus fare. The local authority reimburses the taxi-driver.

Here is another example of Scandinavian meticulousness. You are permitted to vote by mail a fortnight ahead of time. But suppose that after sending in your vote, you hear some impressive campaign speeches, and change your mind. You would like to change your vote. Certainly. You may ask the electoral authorities to reread your previous vote (that you reread into some mailbox or other a week or two ago), and record your present decision in its place. It is your right.

EGALITARIANISM is easier to achieve when there is enough for

everybody. The whole of middle class. Shop assistant Impeccable English, that the at school. Taxi drivers look li-
managers; instead of tips! find yourself shaking han-
them. How did Sweden get-
outrageously well off?

First, by keeping out of Plenty of countries have done and yet remain the poorest poor. But Sweden is industri-
the money they did not a military destination was de-
building 'up' society and institutions. Today there is a
ment over foreign policy; are
are neutralist. They ratio well. This neutralism is an
unwritten agreement with
Union. If they joined NATO
point out) the Russians won
Finland. Meanwhile Sweden
after its own defence, an-
plenty on arms. But it keeps
alliances.

Secondly, the Swed supremely pragmatic. declared bluntly at a pre-
ference during his electi-
"We socialists have been ed only 5 per cent of the ec-
we are elected again, they
will not change."

This despite the fact produced by the L.O. It pro-
allocation of 30 per cent of
many profits each year to
union movement, which we
take a taxi for their weekly
the money in, and get re-
return. The result would be
that after a number of years
would control every enterprise
country.

Palme was trying to make that he had no intention of
such a crude formula. He
said, "I referred the whole
committee, which was
several years to report
bring us," he said, "to
parliamentary elections.
time enough to decide the
that campaign, it does no
this one."

But for many it did. Meidner plan may well
the rock on which the soc
foundered at last.

POSTSCRIPTS

A FRIEND who listens to the BBC World Service as the breakfasts in the mornings tells us that that august institution still has a gift for slanting news any way it wants.

The other day, for example, the headlines blared forth that Israel had rejected the Soviet plan for convening a new Middle East Geneva Conference. When the news was given in full, however, it was what we here knew already: Israel had agreed to attend such a gathering, providing the participants were only those who had taken part in the first conference, i.e. that the PLO would not be invited.

LONDON BRIDGE has been sold to an American company, the Victorian engines that raise and lower Tower Bridge are on the market and now the Mersey ferry service between Liverpool and Birkenhead may also go up for sale.

Losses on the ferry service, Onas reports, are likely to amount to well over a million pounds sterling this year. The only way to overcome the financial difficulties is either to reduce the service (at present every 10 minutes in the rush-hour) or sell or lease the ferry to an American who has expressed interest. He is George Egge, who has plans for a hydroplane service between the Isle of Man and Liverpool.

Egge is credited with all kinds of odd business deals, ranging from the export of lipsticks to the Soviet Union to girldes to Hungary. He is also said to have rich Arab associates.

But the Observer's Michael Nally, would be like the East River

without its bridges. The been a feature of the Men
scene since the 12th centu-
was run by monks from a set
the west bank. They charge
with a laden horse twopen
trip.

"TIME" MAGAZINE, it is a larger circulation in Israel
most other countries; on
United States. But it has
our readers in South Africa
attention to a recent full
statement in this journal
Continental Hotels.

Our reader points out of us here must have noted
this particular advert
devoted to the Middle East
Inter-Continental Hotels —
the country in which each
ment functions — with the
of Israel.

Thus the Riyadh Inter-Continental is stated to be in Saudi
accompanying colour
shows a son of the desert
falcon, on his wrist. The
Inter-Continental is
described as being in
pathetically enough, the
in the Lebanon are men-
the comment "reopening
named."

The Inter-Continental is described simply as
Jerusalem, with no men-
country, and the illustra-
Dome of the Rock. Which
be tententious propagand-
the least.

Our South African reader have previously written
when it featured this and
objectionable advertisement
received no reply.

this week the israel museum in jerusalem today

Free guided tours in English, Sun. & Wed. 11 a.m.
Entrance, Upper Entrance Hall

Tue, Oct. 19 EXHIBITION OPENING
"The Protesting Artist" — I.M. Cohen Gallery

Tue, Oct. 19 6 & 8.30 p.m. ART FILM CLUB
"Brief Encounter" (Great Britain, 1945)
Alan Bridges, with Richard Burton & Laurence Olivier
Loren Love Story between housewife physician starts in a railway station.
version of David Lean's classic.

Thur, Oct. 21 YOUTH WING FILM CLUB (for child 6 years and up)
"The Magic World of Disney" (U.S.A.)

EXHIBITION OF THE MONTH
The Beninck Exhibit of the Month: Egyptian wall relief
King Akhenaten, El-Amarna period (1379-1362 B.C.E.)
of Mr. Alexander Brummeler, Paris. Special Holiday Ex-
Torah ornaments, talitot, Montefiore's shofar, a prayer
for New Year's Eve, etc. At the Rockefeller: Marble
of Julia Flavia, daughter of Roman Emperor Titus.
C.E. Gift of Dr. Reuven & Edith Hecht Foundation;
clay rooster, late Roman.

YOUTH WING
Beginning of School Year: All classes from Oct. 17. O
for pupils aged 8-18. Registration continues in archa-
drama, dancing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, etching,
making and weaving. Photography for 8-10 year olds,
adults: Registration continues in painting, sculpture, et-
weaving, photography. For teachers: Introduction to mak-
Drama, painting & art teachers are invited to join
experimental drama group of the youth wing (members
no charge) on Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Please inform youth
office.

READERS' LETTERS

IMPROVED WELCOME FOR IMMIGRANTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The problem of the Vienna drop-outs must be viewed in the general context of the attractiveness of life in Israel.

It is not up to the American or Canadian Jew to force a Soviet Jew to live in Israel, or to withhold help from him. Does he not himself cling to the sweet fleshpots of exile? In similar vein, the Israeli who does so little for the Soviet immigrant once he is here and lacks the strength of character to either effect changes for the better or to abandon his bed of complaints, is hardly the person to decide where someone else should live. Gone are the days when members of the Yishuv waded into the cold waters of the Mediterranean under cover of darkness to carry on their shoulders the refugees who made it through the British blockade. If the quality of the immigrants has changed, so has the quality of the hosts.

If we are to accept the premise that Jews in the Soviet Union are faced with the danger of physical extinction, then granting visas to any Jew wishing to escape is our sacred duty. Can Israel do less than Franco Spain, during the third Reich? The argument that the Soviets will change their policy when they "discover" the deception is only for the naive.

There will be fewer drop-outs when the prospective immigrants start getting glowing letters from their friends in Israel; there will be reason to write such letters when we recapture the spirit of the '30s and '40s.

As long as things remain as they are, it is folly to tempt Jews to flee from Russia or from Argentina, to come here against their will. This, too, would violate the basic principles of Zionism. We are not in competition with the world's richest nations who can offer greater material advantages. For those who seek spiritual and moral values, let us make a New Year's resolution to revive these. For our own sake as

well as for theirs.
SHLOMO (SAM) YURMAN
Ramat Hasharon.

Sarah Hong comments: I agree with Mr. Yurman that absorption in Israel leaves a very great deal to be desired, but this is by no means the main cause of the drop-out phenomenon, although it does contribute to it. To no small extent, a snow-ball effect has occurred in the last few years and a psychological atmosphere conducive to by-passing Israel has been created. Little information about Israel is available in the USSR for obvious reasons, but on the other hand, Jews there learn that they can go to America free of charge, enter it quickly as refugees and still not close the Israeli option. If they go to Israel, however, and become disenfranchised, it will be more difficult to take up the U.S. option. The U.S. immigrant authorities will no longer regard them as refugees and they will have a longer wait before being admitted to America and travel expenses will have to come out of their own pocket.

Besides the basic fact that Israel cannot compete with what America can offer materially, the position of the drop-out is made more attractive than that of the *oleh*. To make matters worse, Jews for some curious reason, complain to excess in a Jewish country, while they are ready to suffer silently in America, or rather are ashamed to admit that they failed in the land of unlimited opportunity.

Finally, no one has so much as raised the idea of forcing anyone to come here. But I am sure that no one would suggest that the State of Israel or the Jewish community should all for the emigration of Argentine Jews to Australia, because of the latest flare-up of anti-Semitism in Argentina. If they wish to come to Israel, they will be helped, but if their destination is Australia, it becomes their own business.

If Soviet Jews were desperate and in mortal danger, they would not be so choosy.

ABRAHAM RATTNER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I happen to know Abraham Rattner rather well, and I must say I don't think Meir Romen, in your magazine section of October 1, was being quite fair to him. Romen complains of Rattner's work having become "increasingly chauvinistic," "Jewish" to an almost cheap propagandist extent, and says that he wonders "why this so talented American artist seems to have long felt the need to play up to his co-religionists in this manner."

The truth is that Rattner, now over 80, has progressively, as he has grown older, come closer to Israel and more aware of the inwardness of Jewish existence everywhere. He is not, as Romen supposes, "making an appeal to Jewish sentiment," but has with the passing years developed deep Jewish sentiment of his own. It is perfectly genuine, and not an isolated instance by any means. It is, naturally, an American's expression of Jewishness, not an Israeli's. There is nothing "propagandistic" about it whatever. It is, rather, Rattner "finding himself" (as one says of younger people these days) in a sphere which was not always his to the extent to which, quite authentically, it is now. I can assure you he is "playing up" to no one.

Jerusalem. WALTER EYTAN

FENFRIENDS

VENCHE A. HAUGAN (16), of Ruglandien 18, 1342 Jar, Norway, would like to correspond with young Israelis of her age.
ROGER SWIFT (28), of 108 Oswald Atoll Mansions, Fulham Road, London S.W.6, is an accountancy clerk who would like to correspond with an Israeli girl between the ages of 18 and 22 in order to learn more about our country.

HARRY STARK
Ramat Hasharon.

BINET DEFERS DECISION ON YADLIN APPOINTMENT

As close as possible to November 1 deadline

Jerusalem Post Staff

Binet agreed by unanimous vote yesterday to defer a decision about Asher Yadlin's appointment as Bank of Israel Governor as close as possible to November 1, the day the new government is expected to take office. The present Government's decision to appoint Yadlin as Governor was submitted to the Cabinet by Finance Minister Haim

was launched.

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Saudi Arabian King Khalid welcomes Lebanese President Elias Sarkis who arrived in Riyadh for the summit conference on Lebanon. (UPI telephoto)

Gen. Brown says Israel 'more burden than asset'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Gen. George Brown, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has stirred up another controversy with a statement that Israel is "more of a burden than an asset" to the U.S. and has no long-range strategic value for it.

Brown, who two years ago caused a public uproar by his statement that Jews controlled the press and banking in the U.S., has been called into the White House to explain his latest statement to senior officials.

The comments were made in an interview with Raanan Luria, an ex-Israeli who is a cartoonist and syndicated columnist in the U.S. In the interview, to be published by King Features Syndicate next Sunday, Brown also makes critical remarks about Britain and France.

Peres juggles arms payments

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Defence Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that he would shortly ask for Cabinet approval to pay the first down payment on the weapons which President Ford last week announced would be sold to Israel. These weapons, worth a total of \$250m, should be purchased earlier than the schedule allowed for when they were first requested, Peres told the Cabinet at its weekly session.

Peres said that whereas inflation on the one hand had compelled Israel to shelve some purchases or stagger them over a longer period, the schedule of other purchases totalling \$200m could be advanced from 1977 to 1976. This was because in some cases delivery dates had been altered, in other cases orders had been cancelled, and in still other instances, prices had turned out lower than the original estimate.

Israel would still be short of \$1,300m on its arms purchases over the next three years, Peres said.

Hebron curfew only at night

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The two-week-old curfew in Hebron was enforced only at night from yesterday. The curfew is now in force between 6 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Hebron nevertheless remained barred to visitors as well as to settlers from the nearby Kiryat Arba. Only local residents are allowed in and out of town. Hebronites yesterday reopened their business premises but schools remained deserted.

The night curfew and traffic restrictions in Hebron were expected to remain in effect for a few more days pending the completion of renovations at the old Avraham Avinu Synagogue and the conclusion of the newly introduced security arrangements at the Machpela Cave which was the site of a religious strife a fortnight ago.

The security forces were yesterday reported to be completing the interrogation of a number of Arab and Israeli suspects who were involved in desecrating Jewish and Moslem religious artifacts.

The timing of such a decision is, to say the least, unfortunate. For not only has the present situation been going on for more than half a year, but throughout what is the port's annual slack summer season, during which Haifa port has managed to cope fairly easily with nearly all Israel's cargo. Right now, however, a new citrus season is just beginning and, with Haifa handling all the container traffic, it will be unable to cope alone with the export of all the citrus crop as well.

Should a confrontation with the Ashdod port workers over the way to operate the new container terminal be inevitable, the citrus season is surely the worst possible time (Continued on page 5, col. 2).

statutory body of 15 members, representing government ministries, the Histadrut, public and other interests — held one of its sporadic meetings a week ago, it decided that "something must be done" to get the expensive container terminal operating within one month, or else to find a solution to the problem of 500 redundant dockworkers.

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Saudi pressure to get Lebanon summit moving

By ANAN SAFADI

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

The strong man behind the Saudi Arabian throne, Crown Prince Fahd, was last night engaged in a busy shuttle of separate meetings with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Syrian President Hafez Assad in a bid to shore up the shaky summit now meeting in Riyadh to seek an end to the Lebanese civil war. Sadat and Assad are taking part in the summit along with Saudi Arabia's King Khalid, Kuwait's ruler Sheikh Sabah al-Salem al-Sabah, Lebanon's President Elias Sarkis and the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat.

The summit was due to have held its first meeting on Saturday night but the opening session was put off until yesterday as participants plunged into a round of negotiations to clear up outstanding disputes between Syria and Egypt on the one hand, and Syria and the PLO on the other. The summit managed to hold a three-hour session yesterday but failed to reconvene later in the day for unexplained reasons. A second meeting was put off until today.

Indications were that Sadat and Assad remained far apart over the Lebanese crisis which has widened the rift between the two on overall Middle East strategy, especially Cairo's Sinai interim accord with Jerusalem. The handshakes and smiles which Sadat and Assad exchanged prior to the opening session of the summit failed to camouflage the differences between them.

Assad last night reportedly rejected outright an Egyptian proposal calling for the replacement of Syrian troops in Lebanon by an Arab force which would ensure that the PLO would be a restricted in action to the 1969 "Cairo formula". The Egyptian memo was apparently also rejected by Lebanese leaders, who were in contact with President Sarkis.

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unconditional PLO withdrawal from various parts of Lebanon back into refugee camps and other defined regions. This would be a prelude to restoring peace in Lebanon and the revival of all state institutions there including the armed forces.

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General Aharon Barak closed the door on the appointment of a deputy governor to the Bank of Israel, a "grim solution" to the

problem of the police in the affairs of the Bank. At the same time, General's ruling pro-Yadlin's chances of appointment to the Bank of Israel.

At the Cabinet meeting, including Finance Minister Haim Zadak, Barak's appointment of a deputy governor while the police was completed. This

decision was made clear this morning. "It is the Government," he said, "to see to it that the duty to appoint a deputy governor is not left to the obligation of the government."

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Soldier killed, 6 hurt in ammo explosion

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A soldier, Turai David Jorno, was killed yesterday and six others were injured, when ammunition in the truck in which they were travelling exploded.

The army spokesman last night said the accident occurred in the afternoon while the truck was parked at Moshav Ishi, near Beit Shmesh.

Apparently a smoke grenade at the back of the truck was accidentally detonated, exploding other ammunition in the vehicle.

The six injured were evacuated to a nearby hospital. No report of their condition was available last night. Military police are investigating the accident.

Soyuz makes water landing

MOSCOW. — The two Soviet cosmonauts ordered back to earth after an aborted space mission made a hazardous landing on Saturday night splashing down in a lake in the midst of a blizzard.

The official Tass news agency said yesterday spacemen Vyacheslav Zudov and Valery Rozdestvensky splashed down in Lake Tengis in Soviet Kazakhstan just before 9 p.m. Moscow time. It was the first time Soviet cosmonauts had come down in water in the 15-year history of manned space flight.

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Port Authority in a state of chaos — II WHY ASHDOD PORT IS DYING

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In the second of a series of articles, ZVI RA'ANAN describes a situation in which port workers get paid for not working because of disagreement over how the container terminal should be operated.

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port, where their contents are split according to its various consignees. "Contrains" is yet another private container terminal constructed to serve Ashdod port. After delaying its opening last year and selling off some of its newly-acquired equipment (to whom, but to the Ports Authority?) today it also is emptying containers brought by rail and truck from Haifa.

The dockers and storemen claim that with progressively more general cargo coming in containers many workers will become redundant and that consequently, the work of emptying the containers, or filling them, is rightly theirs. Therefore, they refuse to handle containers des-

tined to the Overseas Commerce or the Contrains terminals.

In the port itself, management has not been able to come to any sort of agreement with the dockers' representatives about how its own ultra-modern container terminal should be operated. And as the dockers' committee has at present suspended all activity pending the Histadrut's control of the misuse of its accumulated subscription funds — the port management claims it can do nothing. Management has long ago relinquished all prerogative to do anything in the port without prior consent from one of the six different workers' committees.

When the Ports Authority — a

statutory body of 15 members, representing government ministries, the Histadrut, public and other interests — held one of its sporadic meetings a week ago, it decided that "something must be done" to get the expensive container terminal operating within one month, or else to find a solution to the problem of 500 redundant dockworkers.

The timing of such a decision is, to say the least, unfortunate. For not only has the present situation been going on for more than half a year, but throughout what is the port's annual slack summer season, during which Haifa port has managed to cope fairly easily with nearly all Israel's cargo. Right now, however, a new citrus season is just beginning and, with Haifa handling all the container traffic, it will be unable to cope alone with the export of all the citrus crop as well.

Should a confrontation with the Ashdod port workers over the way to operate the new container terminal be inevitable, the citrus season is surely the worst possible time (Continued on page 5, col. 2).

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Location	High	Low
Jerusalem	44	22-23
Golan	45	23-24
Nahariya	46	24-25
Safed	47	25-26
Rafat Port	48	26-27
Tiberias	49	27-28
Nazareth	50	28-29
Haifa	51	29-30
Shimon	52	30-31
Tel Aviv	53	31-32
B-G Airport	54	32-33
Jericho	55	33-34
Gaza	56	34-35
Beerseba	57	35-36
Elot	58	36-37
Tiran Straits	59	37-38

Social and Personal

The following Dutch "Righteous Gentiles" are to participate today in a tree-planting ceremony and will receive Yad Vashem awards for rescuing Jews during the Nazi Holocaust: Willem van der Hoop; Johanna and Augustinus Baars; Anna and Johan Ubbink; Rindert and Sybilla Dijkstra; Frouke and Jacob Kalma.

Danish entertainer Eddie Skoller will be the guest of honour at the annual rally commemorating the rescue of Danish Jews in October 1943. The event, sponsored by the Friends of Denmark in Israel, will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, in the Wise Auditorium, on the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus.

Canadian Ambassador Edward Lee opened the exhibition of Canadian sculptress Alice Winant at the Arts Gallery in Jerusalem on Saturday night. Mayor Teddy Kolek attended the opening ceremony.

Jorgen Peter Hansen, Minister of Religious Affairs of Denmark, and the Danish Ambassador, Sven Ebbesen, dined at the Jerusalem Plaza Hotel as guests of Dr. Yitzhak Rabin, Minister of Religious Affairs.

ARRIVALS

The Rev. Giuseppe Robinson, a well-known singer of religious music in the U.S., with a group of 67 Christian pilgrims, arrived in Jerusalem on Saturday. Joseph Flinders, foreign editor of "Jewish Chronicle," arrived on Saturday. Attorney Felix Langer, from a visit to the U.S., where he met with 270 spokesmen for Kaddouchi at a conference of Arab graduates of American universities.

Mr. Daniel M. Tabas, president of the J.N.F. Council of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Tabas, accompanied by Mr. Ernest B. Fitzgerald, president of Continental Bank and Trust Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Fitzgerald, arrived on Saturday.

DEPARTURES

Oved Ben-Ami, member of the board of directors of Maritime Fruit Carriers, to Paris, to discuss company financing with bankers there. (By El Al)

Taxman for talks on duplication in S. Africa

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The Internal Revenue Commissioner, Moshe Neufeld, left for Johannesburg yesterday for negotiations with South African tax officials on the problem of tax duplication. Neufeld told him here that there have already been contacts between the two countries on this question. In the light of increased trade between the two, he added, the need for regular procedures has arisen to decide who collects taxes which are in theory due to both. Neufeld gave income from investments, interest payments and pensions as possible instances where double taxation might be due.

BEAUTIFUL GOLD jewelry, found inside a lead coffin unearthed in a Roman tomb in Jerusalem, is now on display at the Rockefeller Museum in the city.

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Barak: Yadin probe must continue to learn the truth

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The Yadin investigation should go on, with the purpose of assembling all the evidence available to establish the truth. This conclusion was offered to the Government at yesterday's Cabinet meeting in a four-page interim report on the investigation submitted by Attorney-General Aharon Barak. Barak stressed that no proof had been found for the "original rumours," but that the current investigation was justified by information uncovered in looking into those rumours.

Barak's report tells how rumours regarding Yadin's conduct had been brought to his notice (and that of the Minister of Police) by police investigators on September 8 — after Kipat Holim director-general Asher Yadin's nomination for the governorship of the Bank of Israel became public.

The Attorney-General informed the Minister of Justice on the same day, and the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance the day after, September 9.

During the following week the police collected additional material, and on September 17 Barak and Yadin met at the Attorney-General's request. Barak asked Yadin if he was prepared to discuss the allegations with the police, and Yadin agreed.

A report on Yadin's talks with senior police officers was handed to Barak, who decided that the probe should be continued. In his report Barak notes that the preliminary investigation on about September 22, Sarak presents details of six deals involving transfers of property in which it is alleged that Yadin may have been involved. He names the transactions for their geographical location.

● The Netanya deal — In 1973/74 Kipat Holim sold a plot of land in Netanya, of about four dunams, for IL3.5m. Kipat Holim paid agents' fees of IL35,000, and according to police evidence, various machinations were employed to prevent Kipat Holim from knowing who received the agents' fees.

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Tel Aviv's new Firebird hydraulic ladder (right) next to the older Aviv.

Fire-fighting giant bought by Tel Aviv

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According to the municipality, which paid IL3.5m for the 21-ton Firebird, it is the tallest rescue equipment made in the world today. The Firebird also has its own water pumps which it can elevate to put out flames beyond its reach in high-rise buildings.

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Histadrut would oust many officers for wildcat strike

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Histadrut maritime committee yesterday proposed severing relations with the Marine Officers Union, because of the union's "persistent habit" of striking of ships without Histadrut approval.

Reacting to this news, union secretary Adam Chisk told The Jerusalem Post that the Marine Officers Union is an integral part of the Histadrut. "It is inconceivable that the generals should kill off their own soldiers," he said.

The move to discuss eviction of the union was precipitated by its prolonged strike against the Kibbutz-owned Tarshish Shipping Company, after the company's manager, David Maimon, slapped Chisk during a dispute aboard the Tarshish freighter Palyan, berthed in Ashdod.

Chisk at the time insisted that the slap was not a personal matter, but aimed at all Marine officers.

Several days ago, the Officers Union threatened its strike against the firm — "throughout the marine if necessary" — unless the company settled the union claims, which the union is claiming "following years of mistreatment." (See strike story.)

As to the present dispute with the Tarshish company, Chisk said it had been discussed more than nine times by the Histadrut forums, which, he said, expected the Histadrut support its fight with the company. Union leaders will meet with Moshe Levy, Histadrut executive member in charge of the ship, at his request.

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Kahane to join NRP, settle in Kiryat Arba

Post Staff and Ilim
Rabbi Meir Kahane has decided to join the National Religious Party (NRP) and settle in Kiryat Arba.

Kahane, who has been a vocal proponent of Jewish settlement in the West Bank, told a Jerusalem news conference yesterday that he was joining the party to support its religious-nationalist policies and to help it achieve its goal of a Jewish state.

He would join Gush Katif, the settlement movement, and would settle in Kiryat Arba, a Jewish settlement in the West Bank.

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Chess Olympiad first team warm-up over countrymen

YAHU SHAHAF
The Chess Olympiad, which opened in Jerusalem yesterday, has already scored its first win over its own countrymen.

The Israeli team, led by Grandmaster Vladimir Liberzon, defeated the Soviet team in the first round of the tournament.

Liberzon, who is also a member of the Israeli Chess Olympiad team, said that his team was well-prepared for the competition and that they were confident of a good performance.



Grandmaster Vladimir Liberzon, who will play first for Israel in the upcoming 22nd Chess Olympiad, studies a problem during a session at the Shalom Hotel in Jerusalem. (Kahane's Israel)

Jewish-Christian rift' seen U.S. by visiting clergymen

Post Reporter
A rift in Jewish-Christian relations in the U.S. is being seen by a group of clergymen visiting Israel.

The clergymen, who are part of a delegation from the U.S. Episcopal Church, are in Israel to study the situation and to report back to their church.

They are concerned about the growing tensions between Jews and Christians in the U.S., particularly in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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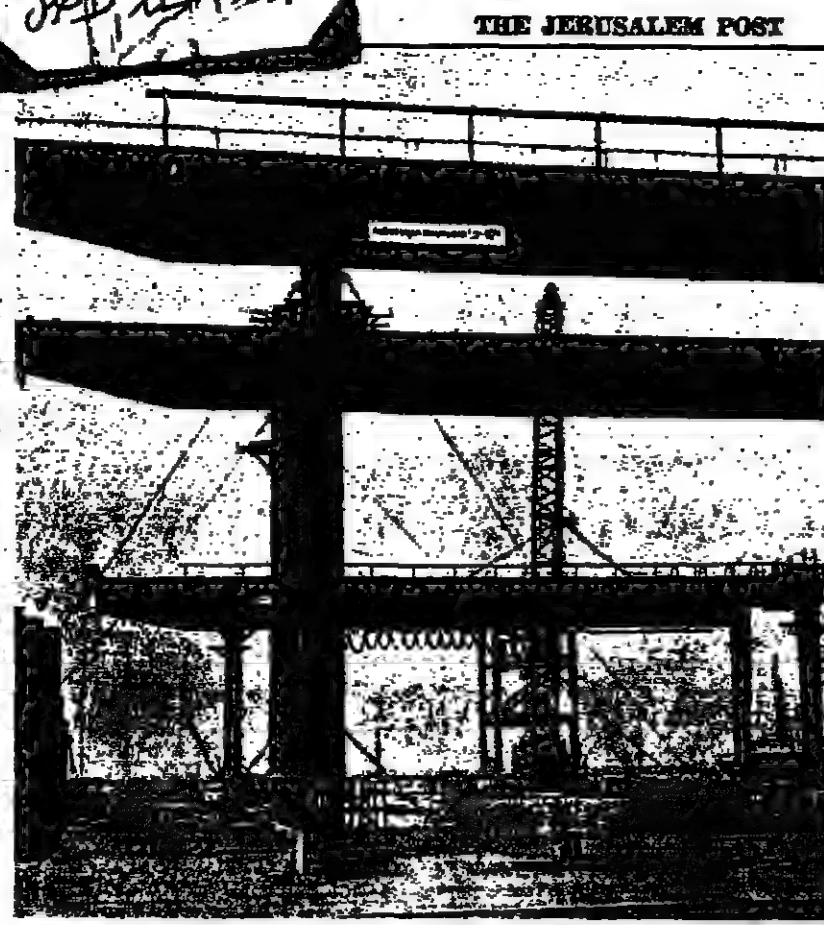
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Thirty-five-ton container transporters stand idle in Ashdod Port.

Ashdod Port dying

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The port may need every one of the present surplus of 500 dockers. Any attempt to negotiate solutions during this period must therefore only go to strengthen the dockers' hegemony.

Since the dockers, aided and abetted by politicians outside the Port Authority, succeeded in toppling Haim Laskov in 1970 their work committees has in effect been running the port. Contrary to popular opinion they are hardly to blame for this situation. The way Ashdod port's cargo-handling department was organized has made such a development almost inevitable from the start.

For the dockers was not part of a stable work group and had no permanent superior in the managerial hierarchy. True, there are signmen and foremen, but these are in charge of particular functions or geographic sectors of the port, not of particular groups of men. Because of a complex system of incentive pay whereby different cargoes had different and inconsistent norms, the port management thought it right to rotate workers handling different cargoes so as to assure the maximum equality of wages.

This, however, had the unfortunate effect of having a dockers working with a different group and different superior most days, creating a great deal of tension. Thus the only source of permanent authority, the only identifiable leaders who could help him with any problems, such as seeing to his advancement, were the members of the Vaad.

This trend was strengthened when the port management, recognizing the Vaad as the principal source of authority and not questioning such a managerial anomaly, constantly used it as its principal channel of communication with the dockers. By thus approving its authority, it further weakened that of the Vaad. The latter rightly should have been the spokesmen of management but because of their lack of managerial authority formed a separate interest group (and Works Committee) of their own.

When five members of the dockers' Vaad were absolved from work at the dockside and became full-time functionaries, their status was officially confirmed by the management.

An attempt in the last few years to reverse some of the above developments has dealt with the symptoms rather than with the root causes, with consequent lack of success.

London cricketers lose to S. Israel Unhappy start for Harrow

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — London's Harrow cricket club had an unhappy start to their five-match tour here on Saturday, losing by four wickets to Southern Israel in Beersheba.

The visitors, who were led by their captain, Keith Scott, were out for 107 for 8 at lunch.

After surviving what would have been a plumb low against him from a no-ball at the very first delivery he received, the club's star guest-player Basil D'Oliveira went on to hit a sparkling 48. The England and Worcester all-rounder was finally caught from a skier, while going for his 50.

Speared by a fine half-century from Shmuel Sharf, the hosts proceeded to reach 108 for the loss of only six wickets.

Saturday's game was Harrow's second loss to Southern Israel. When the London club toured Israel in 1972, Southern Israel gave Harrow their only defeat in a seven-game tour.

New drainage-canal system 'to dry up' Jaffa flooding

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Winter rains will no longer turn Jaffa's Sderot Yerushalayim into a river, the Tel Aviv Emergency Flood Committee was told yesterday. The committee was escorted around a series of flood-control canals built to protect the street — built in a wadi — from extensive flooding.

Tel Aviv-Jaffa City Councilor Yitzhak Caspi, who holds the public works portfolio, showed members of the committee the new 250-metre canal under the roadway, which is the second stage of the anti-flood project. The entire project, which also includes a 400-metre-long, three-metre-wide canal completed a year ago, cost the municipality U.S.\$5m.

Last winter, with only the first canal completed, Sderot Yerushalayim's flood problem was considerably alleviated. It is expected that the completion of the entire drainage project will make the street relatively free of flooding this winter.

For the first time, the boulevard will have an effective drainage system. Small gutter drains proved totally inadequate, as the boulevard had been constructed along a river bed. With every rain shower, vast quantities of water would flow into it from the surrounding higher streets. Within minutes, it would become a fast-flowing stream of water which halted motor traffic, made it impossible for pedestrians to cross the street, and flooded stores, ground-level dwellings and basements.

The city also spent U.S.\$2m this summer on two other drainage projects. One is intended to prevent flooding in the industrial and business sections adjoining Rehov Herzl; and the other is at Sderot David Hamelech, near Ichilov Hospital in North Tel Aviv.

Rabin and U.S. ads

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supported in the Democratic primaries, gave up the race. He told The Post he considers himself an "independent voter" who has voted Democratic much more often than Republican.

He insists on gathering support for Carter without using his title as UJA president, since the fund-raising, tax-exempt organization is not allowed to get involved in politics. "No one," he said, "asked me to resign from my office during the campaign as a result of my affiliation with Carter." He predicts that 70 to 75 per cent of the "Jewish vote" in the election will go to the Democratic candidate.

Zuckerman charged that "domestically, the Ford Administration is simply a carry-over of the Nixon Administration, with all its shame and disgraceful conduct at home, ignoring the needs of the American people, the sick, aged and unemployed. I am firmly convinced," he added, "that Carter will be of greater benefit to Israel than any other person on the American political scene today."

The Carter partisan decried Ford's "reassessment policy on the Middle East" as "pressure policy" and called the "eight-day delay in shipment of arms during the Yom Kippur War" a "disgrace."

"I was personally involved in that, and someday I will write a book about it," said Zuckerman. "Carter feels that Israel is America's last, best hope, only 200 years later... a small country of farmers, outmanned and outgunned, and determined to survive and contribute more than its share to the well-being of people all over the world."

Zuckerman said that although he accepted the advisory position in the Carter campaign, he "never even discussed any position that might be offered after the election."

Zuckerman is scheduled to meet during his stay with the Prime Minister and other top officials.

Held for torturing 'unfaithful' wife

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A jealous husband who allegedly tied his 35-year-old wife hand and foot in front of an electric heater stove was arrested yesterday.

The 40-year-old man, who suspected his wife of being unfaithful, reportedly tied her up in her room, placed an electric heater, turned on in front of her, locked the door and left her home in Kiryat Motzkin. Her father, who came to visit her, heard her screams and called the police, who broke into the flat and rescued her.

New home-study university opens

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — About 3,000 students from around the country will begin studies this week as Israel's new Everyman's University figuratively opens its doors for its first full year of operation.

At a press conference held here yesterday, Max Rowe, president of the mainly learn-at-home university patterned somewhat after the Open University in England, explained that students need not have matriculation certificates or meet any other entrance requirements.

Five academic courses are being given this year, after having been tried last year on small experimental groups. The courses are life sciences (biology), natural sciences (chemistry and physics), mathematics, earth sciences (geology) and Judaism.

Three pre-academic courses — in electricity, electronics and computer science — are being given in the adult education department, which will expand to include spoken Arabic, English on the high school level, and lower-level courses in the academic programme.

One journalist at the press conference, who is also a student in the Jerusalem course, complained that the linguistic level of the written material is too high. "We will learn from experience," Dr. Yona Peles, academic director of Everyman's University, said.

"But though we will do everything to help our students, we will not lower the level."

It is expected that the university will grant a B.A. to a student who finishes 11 courses, which will take most students six years — taking one course at a time and three courses (each about 19 weeks long) a year.

Though most of the studying is done at home, and students receive "home laboratory" kits to do their own experiments, each student will visit a study centre in his area, at least three times during each course. There are 20 study centres around the country, housed in high schools, seminars, junior colleges and other facilities. Students who come to the centres will receive individual or group guidance from instructors, can use laboratory facilities for experiments beyond what the "home laboratory" permits, and can use closed-circuit television. For some of the courses, programmes will be shown on educational television; but students can see these on closed-circuit TV at the centres if they wish to review material.

Over 1,000 students who applied to the academic programme, and many who applied to the adult education courses, had to be turned away because Everyman's University wants to provide good service to each student and, as one official said, "we are afraid to start too big."

Israeli Davis Cuppers win tennis meet doubles final

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
RAMAT HASHARON. — Israel's new Davis Cup pair of Shlomo Glickstein and Dan Sharr on Saturday night defeated Australian Ken Hickins and Haim Arlosoroff 7-6, 6-3 in an entertaining men's doubles final here, to bring down the curtain on the local Lawn Tennis Federation's 45th annual International Tennis Championships.

For Glickstein, 18, it was some consolation for his 6-4, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5 defeat by Yair Wertheimer, 21, some two hours earlier in the men's singles final at the Ramat Hasharon Tennis Centre (briefly reported in yesterday's Jerusalem Post). In an intriguing 150-minute battle on the centre court between Israel's two top players, Glickstein fought back from a two-set and 0-3 deficit to come with in a hair's breadth of taking the more aggressive Wertheimer to a fifth set. The Men's Plate was won by Dan Windman.

Swedish junior champion Nina Bohm's 5-7, 7-5, 6-3, last-round singles victory over her compatriot, Margareta Forsgardh, was one of the best women's matches ever seen in Israel, and it was most regrettable that it was played at the same time as the Glickstein-Wertheimer encounter. (Surely it would have been better from every point of view to stage this women's final between two international-class players on the centre court on Friday afternoon.)

As it was, only a few dozen of the 1,000 spectators who attended Saturday's play watched a superb match featuring some breathtaking rallies, in which Forsgardh — Sweden's top-ranking woman last year and a regular Wimbledon competitor — lost the advantage after clinching the first set 7-5 and leading 4-3 and 40-love in the second. Bohm was a quarter-finalist in both the Wimbledon and Forest Hills Junior Championships this year. In the semi-finals here, she humbled Israel's leading girl, Hagit Tamberi, 6-0, 6-1.

For Bohm, this surprise success also compensated for her unexpected 7-6, 6-2 loss to Helena Brywe, another top Swedish junior, in the singles final of the girls' under-18 championships.

Shai Fudi beat Tommy Frischer 6-3, 6-1 in the corresponding boys' event.

Hillel Horowitz defeated David Solman 6-4, 6-1 in the veterans' (over-45) singles final. In the doubles last round on Saturday night, Amos Yarden and Sammy Yaron edged out Solman and George Kampol 6-4, 4-6, 8-6.

The week-long meet was sponsored by the new Tel Aviv-Sheraton Hotel.

French pair win sailing event

TEL AVIV. — The world champion pair Pejop and Fedorenko of France won the "Flying Dutchman" event from 12 other boats in the four-day international sailing competitions which ended here on Saturday.

Local sailors Ariel Herold and Rahav Barkai of Tel Aviv Hapoel won the 420-class, Shimon Brokman and Eyal Friedlander of Shavel Zion won the 470-class race. European champion Keith Wilkins of Britain won the single-handed "laser" class event. Amos Avituv and Dror Teller of Tel Aviv Hapoel took first two places in the Finn-class event. Max Krenmer of Tel Aviv won a special event of yachts.

Aloni: Raise salaries

TEL AVIV. — Shulamit Aloni, head of the Citizens' Rights Movement, has suggested that industrialists raise their workers' wages by 10 per cent. "Inflation this year will be 40 to 50 per cent anyway. But improving the position of industrial workers will help redress the economic balance," Aloni told her party's executive on Friday.

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'Freeland' under military rule

ONE OF THE LARGEST nations in Southeast Asia, Thailand is the only one in the region which never was colonized. The word Thai itself means "free" and it is understandable that the Thais (once better known as the Siamese) are proud of their heritage. The country has maintained essentially an agrarian economy, though its international position has undergone changes in the past dozen or so years.

Thailand sided with the West against Asian Communism (there is a Thai Communist armed insurgency movement), accepted American bases on its soil and sent troops to fight in Vietnam. With the gradual change of American strategy in Asia, culminated by the U.S. retreat from Vietnam, Thailand had to adjust to a policy calling for more flexibility.

Today it has relations with both Communist China and Vietnam, and the U.S. American troops left last July. However, the U.S. retreat from Asia has had its effect on Thai economy and the economic boom has died, bringing a sober readjustment of values and a sharpened desire for economic development.

Today Southeast Asia is divided into three parts: (a) Communist governments (Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia); (b) military-led or supported authoritarian governments (Indonesia, the Philippines and Burma); (c) governments opting for economic and political reforms (Malaysia and Singapore).

Thailand belonged to the third category for three years, but after the successful military coup 11 days ago, it has returned to the second: back to the situation of being ruled as it has been by a succession of military dictatorships for 35 years.

BEFORE THE COUP foreign observers believed that if the positive trend of this non-Communist country continued, with the Thais making constitutional democracy and rural development work in the next few years, there could be a significant turnaround in the region. Thailand is a country of 44 million people, next to Communist nations and it could mean a kind of anti-Communist bulwark.

In October, 1973 there was a successful student uprising against the old, backward military dictatorship. However, the succeeding period was complicated by the instability of internal politics as the politicians strove to build a democratic system.

The first truly free parliamentary elections held in January 1975 produced new political parties and an unstable coalition government. Its position was increasingly undermined by polarization between left and right.

Premier Kukrit Pramoj was forced to dissolve Parliament last Ja-



Thanin Kraivichien, 49, former Thai military junta leader, is seen here on Friday night. (AP radiophoto)

nuary and to call for elections in April in the hope of forming a stronger coalition. Kukrit lost, but the ensuing coalition was a stronger one. It was headed by Kukrit's older brother, Seni Pramoj, often described as Thailand's perpetual opposition leader.

From the reports about the military coup, it appears that the majority of Thai people believed that the left, as represented by the students, drove too hard and fast for "progressive" measures. They succeeded, it is argued, only in angering the right, epitomized by the armed forces, and this in turn provoked violent reaction and alienation of larger numbers of apolitical Thais.

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IN THE END the leftists were seen composed of the students, some 10,000 Communist insurgents in the northeast bordering on Laos, and some radical farmer-activists in the north. Most of the population apparently favour the rightists. Matters came to a head in September, when former military ruler Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn returned from exile and joined a Bangkok temple as a monk. The leftists claimed he was deliberately brought back to provoke trouble.

On October 4, the King swore in a new Cabinet under Seni Pramoj, which seemed likely to win a vote of confidence. Students of Thammasat University then protested the government's failure to meet Thanom, and staged a mock hanging with one actor allegedly made up as the Crown Prince. This so-called act of lese majeste gave mobs an excuse to attack the stu-

dents. Troops were then ordered out to quell the violence, giving the military leaders an ideal situation to regain power on October 6. The new rulers, headed by Admiral Sa-Ngud Chalor, formed an "Administrative Reform Committee" which named Supreme Court Justice Thanin Kraivichien, 49, as Premier. He is to assume power shortly after a Cabinet is appointed and the situation stabilized.

Then, says Sa-Ngud, the junta will step aside — although there is no indication of this yet. In fact, the junta last week began purging civilian ministries and even the military establishment itself after saying it had foiled a counter-coup.

Curiously, all reports are unanimous about the warm reception to the military takeover, and the indifference to the fate of the students who were brutally suppressed with 40 killed and some 3,000 arrested. One news report quoted a Thai man-in-the-street telling a reporter: "The students used to be good. But since 1973 they've become Communists. They're against our King and religion. The police did what they had to do."

WESTERN REACTION to the return of military dictatorship was characterized by such phrases as "Infant democracy dies in the cradle," and "Thai democracy comes to an end." Such comment with its emphasis on the desirability of democratic morality — commendable though it is — makes the usual error of the West: it is oblivious to the fact that democracy is a relative matter, representing one set of values to a Westerner and a different set to an Asian.

Which is why few Thais apparently regret their lost democracy and why many expressed satisfaction that the military stepped in after the failure of democratic rule.

The Communist insurgency problem is not likely to worsen in Thailand in the foreseeable future. The Party's weakness derives from the strong non-political tradition in rural Thailand which sharply contrasts with the situation in Vietnam, and which serves as a deterrent to Thai Communist success. This tradition is bolstered by Buddhist religious philosophy, which emphasizes detachment from material affairs. Thai peasants generally regard politics as a matter solely for the central government.

As long as the Communists cannot draw on indigenous resources, it cannot pose a serious threat. The situation could change sharply if Communist Vietnam overcame its problems of postwar rehabilitation and devote attention to Thailand. In the meantime, Thai leftists must either reconcile themselves to the new situation or join the insurgents in the jungle.



Edgaras Laipeneks, 63, a Latvian living near San Diego, California, who may be deported for alleged Nazi war crimes, is seen here with reporters. (AP radiophoto)

CIA intervene to halt deportation of 'war criminal'

RANCHO SANTE FE, California. — The Central Intelligence Agency has intervened to halt deportation proceedings against an alleged Nazi war criminal, because of his "past co-operation" with the U.S. spy network.

Edgaras Laipeneks, 63, who has been living in the U.S. since immigrating from Latvia in 1950, is one of 73 persons under examination by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for alleged war crimes. Laipeneks told "The San Diego Evening Tribune" last week that his application for U.S. citizenship has been held up because of the charges against him, which he denies.

He added that the CIA had written to the INS on his behalf, and admitted having travelled to Washington, Japan, San Francisco and Alaska for the CIA. He said he could not elaborate on his spy work at this time.

Major Gershon Langfelder of the Office of Investigation of Nazi War Crimes in Tel Aviv told the newspaper in a telephone interview that Laipeneks "was a member of a special command whose only duty in Latvia (in World War II) was to kill Jews." Laipeneks has been linked to the murder of some 60,000 Latvian Jews. (AP)

Indian group pledges fight for civil rights

NEW DELHI. — Hundreds of opponents of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi set up an organization yesterday to fight for restoration of civil liberties and an end to the state of emergency in the first step toward formation of a united front against the government.

The announcement of a "people's union for civil liberties and democratic rights" came at the end of a two-day seminar which organizers called the largest public opposition meeting in the Indian capital since Mrs. Gandhi imposed the nationwide state of emergency in June last year.

V.M. Tarkunde, a former judge of the Bombay High Court, said it would be a "comprehensive movement in which non-party and party members join for the protection of civil liberties."

With the imposition of the state of emergency, Mrs. Gandhi's government suspended all civil rights, censored the press and imprisoned tens of thousands.

The president of the new group is Jayaprakash Narayan, 73, Mrs. Gandhi's most prominent political foe and the leader of a two-year campaign, before the emergency, to oust her from power because of alleged corruption and inept leadership.

Narayan was jailed for four and a half months after the emergency was imposed.

Organizers of the new group said they had support from all major opposition parties except the pro-Moscow Communist Party of India, which has supported the government all through the emergency. (UPI)

Bomb blasts B. Aires cinema as Argentine violence flares

BUENOS AIRES. — Explosions went off early yesterday at a naval arsenal north of Buenos Aires and at a cinema at a military social club in the capital.

The navy said one enlisted man was killed and three others injured at the arsenal in Zarate, 80 kms north of Buenos Aires. According to unofficial estimates at least 50 persons were injured in the explosion at the social club.

An official navy communiqué claimed the arsenal blast was an accident and said an investigation was under way, but gave no other details.

The "Montoneros," a terrorist band on the left fringe of the Peronist movement, telephoned news agencies and said it had planted the bomb in the cinema. Security sources said about 180 persons, including families of military personnel, were in the theatre at the time and that the

bomb had been planted behind the screen. Sunday, October 17, is "loyalty day," the anniversary of Juan Peron's rise to power in Argentina in 1945.

According to security forces most of the bombs placed in police stations and military bases in the current terror-wave in Argentina were smuggled into the installations by soldiers or policemen with links to left-wing terror organizations.

On October 2, President Jorge Videla, the Argentine army chief, escaped an apparent assassination attempt when a bomb went off under a pavilion where he had been standing minutes earlier for a military ceremony. Last July, a bomb exploded in a crowded dining hall at federal police headquarters here, killing 23 policemen and injuring 40 others.

More than 1,000 persons have been killed this year in political violence in Argentina. (AP)

Philippines election blast

MANILA. — A landmine yesterday killed four election officials during a referendum on whether President Ferdinand Marcos should extend martial law rule imposed in 1972.

Two soldiers also died in the blast, the only serious violence reported by police during the vote. Polls closed yesterday and first returns indicated a big "yes" for martial law to continue.

The landmine blew up an armoured vehicle carrying ballot papers on the southern island of Jolo, where government forces and Muslim rebels fought a bitter campaign two years ago.

The election commission said that 85 per cent of the first 350,000 votes counted were in favour of continuing martial law. The final result, however, may not be declared for 10 to 14 days. (Reuters)

'Reds' in Mozambique worry South Africans

JOHANNESBURG. — The "great Red scare" has come alive again in South Africa with a report that the Soviet Union is building an air and naval base on an island off Mozambique.

The report has been denied by the Soviet Union and even U.S. intelligence sources. But it is still the kind of thing that makes big news in this country where there is a feeling that "the Reds are coming" little by little into Southern Africa and slowly encircling the last bastion of white rule on the continent.

The main front-page story in "The Star" here last week was devoted to the report which was said to be circulating at a "high diplomatic level" in Washington and at the UN.

Over the headline "Ocean base for Reds" was the banner "Pretoria Would Be In Range" apparently reflecting this country's sense of growing vulnerability to hostile outside forces like the USSR.

The report was published just days after the Soviet Union signed a 20-year friendship treaty with Angola which borders on South Africa-administered Namibia where a large

contingent of South African soldiers are now fighting Cuban and Soviet-backed nationalist guerrillas.

This country now has Soviet-backed African governments to deal with to the northwest and northeast of it and there are fears that Rhodesia directly to the north may also soon fall under Soviet influence.

Thus the press here gives extraordinary attention and play to any story that tends to confirm South Africans' worst apprehensions of Soviet "penetration" into their region of the world.

The Soviet news agency Tass said on Friday the report was a "provocative rumour" intended to discredit the Soviet Union in Africa. It said the Soviets had no intention of establishing a base in the Indian Ocean but carefully made no mention of its "facilities" in Somalia and Africa.

Whether the USSR has designs or not on the Mozambique channel island, it is clear the South Africans are jittery and expect the worst to happen in their burgeoning relationship with the communist countries throughout Southern Africa. (Washington Post)

N. Zealand to 'discourage' sport ties with S. Africa

AUCKLAND, New Zealand. — Minister of State Sir Keith Holyoake has announced a major shift in this country's policy towards sports contacts with South Africa, saying the government would "discourage" sporting bodies from going there.

Until this year's All-Black rugby union tour of South Africa and the resulting Black African walkout from the Montreal Olympic Games in July, the government insisted it would not interfere with sporting bodies overseas contacts, although it opposed South Africa's policy of apartheid.

On his return from the U.N. General Assembly session in New York on Saturday, Sir Keith said the government would not physically stop sporting bodies from making such visits by withholding passports.

He added: "Some bodies might be very selfish and self-centred and not consider fellow sportsmen and citizens of New Zealand and go ahead with a tour. In this case the government would have to publicly dissociate itself from the tour, he observed.

In Spain, Lord Killanin, president of the International Olympic Committee, yesterday said no sanctions are likely to be imposed against the African countries that boycotted the Montreal games last July.

A week-long series of meetings ended with no firm decision on this score. Killanin's executive board will report to the full session of the IOC in Prague next June.

Killanin told a news conference, however, that "it is felt that retroactive sanctions would be counter-productive" and "especially harmful to the athletes." (Reuters, AP)

'West Europe not moving right despite election swings'

By JAMES R. PEPPER
LONDON. — Election gains by conservative parties in Sweden and West Germany indicated grass-roots disenchantment with socialism but do not herald a rightist wind blowing across Europe, an AP survey shows.

Soundings in major European capitals indicate that Western Europe is likely to maintain its political patchwork for some time, with the conservative gains in Sweden and Germany offset by leftist trends in such countries as France, Italy and Norway.

Political analysts say Swedish and West German voters were troubled by issues like burgeoning bureaucracy, high taxes and diminished concern for the individual in their countries, where Social Democrats had held power for some time.

In Sweden's national election September 19, the voters ousted Premier Olof Palme, ended 44 years

of Social Democratic rule and paved the way for a coalition of liberal and conservative parties that was installed October 8 under sheep farmer Thorbjorn Fälldin.

In West Germany October 3, Social Democratic Chancellor Helmut Schmidt narrowly survived a strong opposition challenge in his bid for re-election and saw his coalition edge in the Bundestag cut from 45 to 3 seats.

NUCLEAR POWER

The results prompted speculation that Europe was in for a swing to the right. But qualified political observers pointed out that a local issue — nuclear power — was crucial in Sweden, that the voter shift from left to right was very slim in both Sweden and Germany and that the political trend seems to be just the opposite in other countries.

In Sweden's neighbour, Norway, for example, the ruling Social Democrats have gained considerable strength over the past year. In May, 1975, the party reached an all-time low in the Gallup Polls, favoured by only 31.2 per cent of the electorate. But a Gallup Poll last month showed the party had the support of 44.9 per cent of the voters.

In France, the combined leftist opposition has made advances against the Conservative government of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and is expected to continue a trend to the left and pick up more votes in municipal elections next March.

In Italy, the Christian Democrats, the conservative party that has been in power for 30 years, held its ground in June's national election with 38 per cent of the vote. But the Communists scored a record advance, jumping from 27 to 34 per cent of the electorate.

INTERNAL BALANCE

Spain, Portugal and Greece, all ruled until recently by authoritarian, right-wing regimes, moved somewhat left once these regimes passed and are now seeking their own internal equilibrium, political analysts say.

Besides some voter disillusionment over taxes and bureaucracy, they said, the Swedish and German Social Democrats experienced a problem that most governments face once they've been in power for some time — a view, particularly among young people, that they are the Establishment.

The Stockholm trade union daily "Aftonbladet," which supported Palme's Social Democrats, commented the day after the election that there is a great danger that Social Democracy is seen as a powerful tool of the state bureaucracy. "Although this is an unjust description," the paper said, "it has no doubt frightened away many young voters."

The Social Democrats, who lost only 0.7 per cent of the electorate but enough to give the centrist coalition a majority in Parliament,

suffered their biggest losses among young people.

But nuclear power, on which it is difficult to take an ideological stance, was perhaps the most decisive issue. Swedes were worried over the Social Democrats' plans to construct eight new nuclear reactors in addition to the present five.

In the German election, the opposition Christian Democrats used as their campaign slogan "Freedom Instead of Socialism" and tried to draw parallels between Schmidt's Social Democrats and the stifling bureaucracy of Soviet-bloc socialism.

Richard Boes, a European affairs specialist for the Christian Democrats, said the Social Democrats are now adopting the individual freedom theme because of a "centrist, not conservative," trend in such countries as Germany, Sweden and Britain. He said it's due to a "more critical attitude to socialism."

Prof. Karl Dietrich Bracher, a political scientist at Bonn's Friedrich Wilhelm University, said he does not see a long-term trend to the right in Europe, but a stabilisation back from the left towards the political centre.

BARRIERS TO THE LEFT
"North of the Alps, the leftist trend has come up against certain barriers," he said. In Sweden, Germany and England, he said there has been a backlash when socialism tended to get too dogmatic.

"Now," he said, "it's the pendulum swinging back to the situation as it was before the left-wing euphoria of the late '60s, early '70s." Boes said the leftist generation of the late 1960s now in teaching positions represents a new sort of establishment to their teen-aged pupils. "When the teachers are long-haired Marxists," Boes said, "the kids simply want to be different."

Fear of the growing military might of the Soviet Union seemed to play no significant role in either the Swedish or German elections. Boes said the old German fear of the Soviets is always an election factor but the Germans and other Europeans are so preoccupied with economic problems that the Soviet issue cannot much influence voter trends.

In Sweden, the only political party to make a major point of the growing strength of the Soviet military machine was the Far-left-influenced Marxist-Leninist Communist Party (SKP), which got only 18,000 votes, or 0.3 per cent.

In Denmark, discontent over high taxes and bureaucracy in the Social Democratic welfare state of Premier Anker Joergensen has spawned a political phenomenon called Mogens Glistrup, leader of the Progress Party which has now become the second political force in the country.

Glistrup, a 50-year-old lawyer, says he would make tax free every one's first \$10,000 income. He says he would drastically cut government spending by bringing home all of Denmark's ambassadors, eliminating 4,800 government jobs a month for the next two years and reducing the national defence to a telephone answering service that says again and again, "we surrender."

A Gallup Poll asking Danes last month who they would vote for tomorrow gave Glistrup 22.8 per cent, a gain of more than six points in six months. The Social Democrats had 30.7 per cent. (AP)



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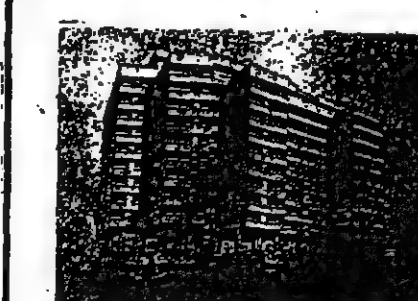
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"SORRY I MISSED": Sa Moore, serving a life term in a California prison for the killing of President Gerald Ford, is still dedicated to the U.S. Government and only regrets in connection with the assassination attempt in 1975.

The 46-year-old Moore's comments came in an interview published in yesterday's edition of the Long Beach "Free Press-Telegram."

(AP)

Iranian Marj gunned down

TEHRAN. — Iranian security forces have killed two more Marj gunned down in a crowded street in central Tehran, officials announced yesterday.

Reza Ulfat was gunned down on Khayyam Avenue near a busy intersection. A third Marj, a brother of Hassan and Sa Moore, who were killed by a bomb in a crowded street in central Tehran, was also gunned down.

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between Sir Robert
the undisputed master
Synagogue, and the
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Rabbi Abramsky at Victoria Station in 1951, on his way to Israel. (Jewish Chronicle)

As *Av-Beth-Din* Abramsky lent
to all proceedings before his court a
decorum and a dignity so often sad-
ly missing in other rabbinical courts.
In his contacts with a wider public,
he appeared sometimes over-
powering but only to uphold the
dignity of the Torah, not his own. It
was an experience to attend his
public shul which week after week
draw large crowds, first in London
and later here in the Jerusalem sub-
urb of Bayit Vegan. His mastery,
crystal-clear exposition of the
Talmud text showed not only his vast
erudition and analytic powers (as a

true disciple of Reb Haim
Soloveitchik of Volozhin and Brisk)
but also a meticulous preparation
with which he could have dispensed
for "mere" *Be'nei Baitim*.
His creative powers, his clarity of
mind and phenomenal memory
remained with him to the very end,
as he added line to line to his
monumental Tosephta commentary
— a victory of the spirit over the
frailty of the flesh.
Happy are those to whom it was
given to have their lives and minds
illuminated by even the smallest ray
radiating from such a spirit.
Alexander Caribach

Master of the puppets

By CATHERINE MOSENHEIMER

FOR CHILDREN all over the coun-
try "Eric's Wooden Puppets" have
become virtually an institution, a
kind of "national theatre" all their
own. They are the critics and the
public whose demands necessitate
that certain popular characters
reappear in every new show.

Once you have succeeded in win-
ning your audience, and familiarity
is a very important factor, you can
get a response from children which
rarely happens in real adult theatre,
says the man-behind-the-puppets,
Eric Smith.

"We have reached a point in shows
during the past two years where
even the youngest children remain
dead silent, or alternatively, scream
in participation, at the required
moments — the sincerest tribute
they can pay."

Eric had dreamed of creating a
puppet theatre ever since, as a
young child in Pretoria, he started
making puppets himself. He studied
and worked in Johannesburg as a
painter and book illustrator before
he "stopped off" in Israel in 1963,
quite by chance.

"I adore the sea and the sun, and
that for me was a good enough
reason to come back for good."

His first project in Israel was a
large and successful exhibition of his
own puppets — in the days before
bait became an over-popularised
art form used as museum by dozens
of artists and would-be artists of
varying degrees of professionalism.
When all the others started following
suit, Eric decided to look for a new
medium and started working as a
stage designer. During the past 12
years, his sets and costumes have
accompanied productions at the
Haifa Theatre, the Cameri, Habima
and Bat Dor among others. He has
gained a name as one of the best in
this field. He regrets, he says, that

new young talent is not being
employed in theatre design, which
he blames largely on directors, who
tend to use again and again the peo-
ple they know to be easy to work
with, and who want something turn-
ed out quickly and cheap.

Five years ago, Eric decided that
the only way to realize his puppet
theatre dream was to go ahead
alone, using his own money. He had
tried and failed to harness public
support, and to interest Tel Aviv
authorities in a municipal puppet
theatre.

So one day he simply went out,
bought the necessary raw materials
and sat down to sketch the various
characters he wanted.

He completed 250 puppets for his
first full-length show, "Peter and the
Wolf," followed by "Carnival of
Animals." Then there was the
problem of recruiting puppet
manipulators. He laughingly recalls
parental pressures vis-a-vis the un-
usual profession.

His team consists of a drama and
ballet graduate, another dancer, an
art student and a philosophy
graduate — and he stresses strongly
the team factor and the importance
of continuity. "You have to be your
own psychiatrist to run a theatre
full-time — to give everybody the
necessary morale and encourage-
ment, cope with everyone's moods
and whims. It is essential to me that
each member of the company feel a
personal involvement, that it is 'our'
theatre and not 'mine.'"

"In the beginning, my team kept
changing and I realized that to avoid
this, I had to guarantee everyone
full-time regular employment. It
also became frustrating and dis-
couraging to perform in halls that
were half-empty."

The major financial burden was
solved by an agreement with the
Ministry of Education, which
through the "Omanut l'Am"



Eric Smith and friend.

programme, buys the first 100 per-
formances of each new show for
schools, before they go on "general
release." Those 100 performances
cover overheads and salaries.

To date, there have been five
shows: "Peter and the Wolf," "Car-
nival of Animals," the highly popu-
lar children's TV series "Tamar's
Hut," due to appear soon in a stage
version, "The Bewitched Dwarf,"
and the latest, the "Wizard of Oz,"
currently being performed for
schools. Eric tries to combine
string, rod and glove puppets in each
play and makes all the wooden
skeletons himself. The more com-
plex marionettes have to have each
limb joint carefully weighted. The
costumes, which he also designs, are
made up by "a wonderful Yemenite
seamstress." Eric has carefully
studied the Japanese, Japanese and
Russian puppet-making traditions

and combines and adopts them. The
earliest known form of puppet, he
says, was the mediaeval rod puppet
of the court jester. The current
master of the art and wizard of them
all is the Russian Jewish puppeteer
Sergio Bratskov.

Eric is negotiating a contract for
the puppet theatre to make no less
than 14 colour films in Germany, and
he is clearly delighted at the compli-
ment this implies. What makes his
theatre different enough to warrant
such a proposal?

"I suppose our appeal is that our
puppets film extremely well. I try to
make them as detailed, but as clear
and clean-cut as possible. And in
character they are different
somehow, not American, not Euro-
pean, not even Israeli in any
noticeable way."

In short, they are Eric's own
puppets and, so it seems, doing very
nicely indeed.

Re-minded Russians

RICK WORSNIP

Although the Russians
first time admitted the
ice mission, they have
steady progress with
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of it may be modest
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men on the moon or
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ographs of more than
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by last year's Soyuz-
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from space reveal
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rding to "Pravda,"
res are guiding
eir search for lead
uth Siberia, and for
se to the surface of

the Mangyabak desert region on the
east coast of the Caspian Sea.

Space observations are also used
to study earthquake activity and
landslide risks, and are taken
into account in the building of roads,
railways, dams, factories and even
towns, according to the Soviet press.
In other experiments which
scientists believe to be
economically promising, one pair
of cosmonauts grew crystals and
welded together pieces of stainless
steel using chemical reactions to
produce the necessary heat. The ad-
vantage of weightlessness for this
type of experiment is that it avoids
the slight distortions caused by the
force of gravity.

The newspaper "Red Star" recent-
ly forecast that new types of crystals
and alloys would be commercially
produced in space and estimated,
somewhat vaguely, that profits
could amount to between five and 50
billion roubles (four and 35 billion
sterling) by 1990.

Of more pressing importance are
observations of pollution of the
earth's atmosphere which the
cosmonauts carried out using the im-
proved infra-red telescope installed
on Salyut-6. In particular, they ex-
amined the effect of aircraft exhaust
and other pollutants on the precious
ozone layer that shields the earth
from deadly solar radiation. The
results of their observations are now
being processed by Soviet scientists.

Biological experiments involving
the rearing of fish and plants were
intended to study the possible
genetic effects of weightlessness on
living organisms, knowledge essen-
tial if humans are eventually to
spend very prolonged periods in
space. Soviet scientists are talking in
terms of the eventual building of
space stations designed to work for
decades, instead of the current year
or so, with replaceable crews of 20 or
30 people. (Reuters)

MUSIC REVIEW / Benjamin Bar-Am

Mehta does it again

Music Orchestra, Zohar
Shenkar's concert
venue (Tel Aviv, Mon-
day, 11.30). Conducted
by Mehta. Program:
Varese: "Arcana";
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tacking tradition and convention.
What really made "Arcana" so
tremendously effective was Mehta's
device of gradual, almost impercep-
tible acceleration. The rather long
piece emerged through its many
phases and stages as one monumen-
tal block of sound, colour and
rhythm.

A no less impressive sense of
organic continuity was shown by
Mehta in Brahms' No.1. This
symphony is in grave danger of
becoming one more hackneyed item
but, I must admit, it sounded as if it
were being given an IPO premiere —
immensely cohesive and flowing in
lovely lines. The symphony proved
one of Mehta's most laudable
achievements. Again, there seemed
to be something new in Mehta's ap-
proach, his dramatic surge and
strong feeling for the beauty of
sound. He never sacrificed sound in
favour of effect, tension or climax.
For the truly lavish sound of roman-
tic music, there is nothing like the
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Gr-catching kitchen rim

SLABS surrounding
which are a stan-
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to water from drip-
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ble and place the strip partly over
the edge so that the walls can be
marked for chipping away. Then
chip the plaster and cement away
sufficiently to allow the end of the
strip to penetrate freely. Then make
a socket for the short part of the
angle strip.

To attach the strip and plate to the
marble, a special type of epoxy ce-
ment is used. This is manufactured
in Italy and is obtainable in tins of 1
kilo, together with a small tub of
hardener. Mix the glue according to
the manufacturer's instructions and
spread lavishly over the edges of the
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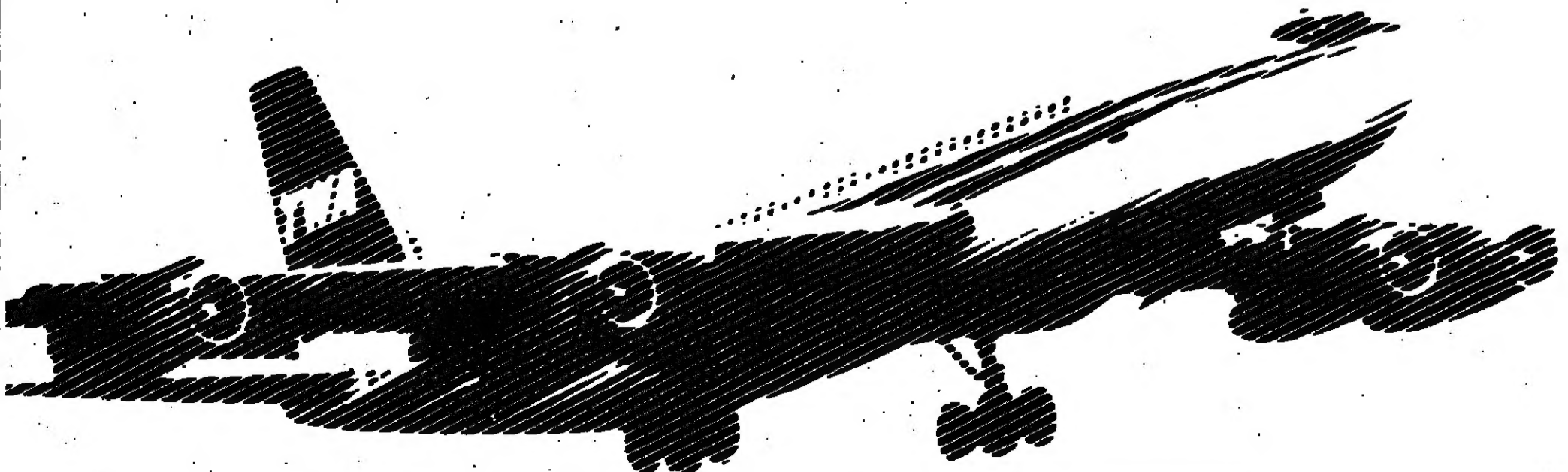
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The cabinet procrastinates

THE CABINET TOOK FIVE HOURS yesterday to decide to put off its decision in the Yadin case for another two weeks. That means that it gave itself less than a day to finally make up its mind, on October 31, whether to confirm the nomination of Mr. Asher Yadin for the post of Governor of the Bank of Israel, or to withdraw the appointment and submit another name to the President of the State.

As Attorney-General Aharon Barak pointed out in his report to the cabinet, the law does not allow any third way, such as having a deputy do the Governor's work for a while, an escape from this dilemma.

It is quite possible that the decision was unavoidable in view of the deep divisions within the cabinet, and the unwillingness of those who preferred a quicker verdict to press their colleagues. But it will not help much in resolving the issue, and it certainly will not go very far in clearing up the confusion in the public's mind.

The issue, needless to say — although some statements made at yesterday's session may warrant a reiteration of the point — is not the guilt or innocence of Mr. Yadin in the matter of some charges brought against him with respect to his administration of Kupat Holim. The issue is the clash between the obvious need for a successor to Mr. Sanbar as Governor of the country's central bank, in no more than two weeks' time, and the equally pressing need for a thorough investigation of the accusations levelled at Mr. Yadin, which may well take several more weeks, or even months.

In his comments on the Attorney-General's report Mr. Yadin lays all the accusations to the door of a jilted girl friend. He may, of course, eventually be proven right, or at least not proven wrong. But for the moment some questions remain. It is a fact that Mr. Yadin's original explanations, made a month ago, did not satisfy Mr. Barak, which led to the police inquiry.

Mr. Yadin, who properly insists on the right of a public figure to defence against a vicious smear, wants the probe to be limited in time and scope. Mr. Barak, who is surely no less anxious to see the truth come out in a proper manner, is calling for the examination to proceed without a time limit. The cabinet can hardly fail to grant him his wish.

Thus, in taking the decision it did yesterday, the cabinet may have done little except paint itself into a corner.

Deadlock in shipmen's dispute

THE TARSHISH SHIPPING COMPANY — whose vessels are now all strike-bound once again — claims that it is ready to apply every clause in the labour contract. The only issue genuinely in dispute seems to concern under-manning.

The Marine Officers' Union states that one of the craft had been carrying three ship's engineers instead of four. Therefore the salary of the missing engineer should be paid retroactively to the other three, as a bonus. The management offers to submit this difference to arbitration. The union refuses, alleging that what they are demanding is part of the labour contract.

Plainly it is not; it is at best an interpretation of the contract. If they are so confident that their interpretation is right, they should be ready to accept a judgment. They prefer to use force.

They are in fact doing a great deal of muscle-flexing. They have shifted the dispute to Zim, the nation's biggest maritime carrier. Zim had won the union's agreement to the sale of an ageing freighter called the Hanna. Contracts were thereupon exchanged with a Greek buyer; but now the union has changed its mind. Its reason is that the Hanna must not be delivered until the Tarshish dispute is settled.

But Tarshish is one company and Zim another. The union alters its stance. A second letter reaches Zim, stating that the Hanna will stay put until the company undertakes not to charter ships for the Mediterranean run without receiving the union's authorisation first.

Under the volatile leadership of Adam Chisik, followed meekly by the official secretary Yeshayahu Groman, the Marine Officers' Union seems (if we may mix an unhappy metaphor) to be going overboard. The Tarshish is owned by the Kibbutz Meuhad. This does not place the company beyond the pale of criticism. But the issues in dispute with it are not, as it happens, so serious as to warrant a clamp-down on all its four ships.

The union wants to vet the Tarshish books. It says the object is to check that the union members were properly remunerated. But is it not enough to vet their pay slips? Or is all this an excuse to invade the province of management?

The right of veto claimed on the chartering of foreign vessels is explained by the union's solicitude for domestic full employment. Zim has taken delivery of two new ships in the last couple of months, the Zim-California and the Tilia. It has seven more under construction — four in Haifa, two in Norway, one in Japan. Does this sound like a rundown of employment?

The truth is that the union is alarmed by the Tarshish threat to go out of business. That would spell unemployment alright, unless Chisik can force Zim to buy the Tarshish ships (old as they are), crews and all.

Zim will not buy them. Its 10-year charter of the four vessels (that the union is making much of) is about to expire; the ships were leased in 1968. There is no way out for Chisik and his men. Headstrong measures are of no avail. The time has come to seek a sensible accommodation.

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Mitterand visit

DAVAE (Hastadrut) notes that lately the Social Democrats in France have once again become a major political force, one which will play an important role in the government of the Left wins the general elections 18 months from now. Considerable importance thus attaches to the fact the entire leadership of the French Socialist Party, headed by Francois Mitterand, will shortly be paying a

visit to Israel as the guests of the Israeli Labour Party.

Unlike other European Social Democratic parties, which differ with us over questions of the territorial settlement, the Palestinians, etc., the French Socialist Party continues to maintain a friendly and positive attitude towards Israel, and it is to be hoped that a face-to-face meeting with the reality in this country and talks with our political leaders will serve to enhance this friendship still further.

In Italy, on the other hand, the weakness of the divided Socialists and the growing influence of the Communists over the entire camp of the Left, has resulted in a pro-Arab orientation on the part of the ruling Christian Democrats. In view of this, importance attaches to the forthcoming visit of a Histadrut delegation of the three labour organizations there. In spite of the differences we face in Italy, it is essential that contacts and exchanges be fostered with the social and political leaders shaping Italy's future.

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Francois Mitterand, head of France's Socialist Party, is due to visit Israel next week together with a party delegation. He is expected to be a formidable challenger to President Giscard in the next elections. Mitterand has been a firm supporter of Israel, but lately there have been signs that he is trying to ingratiate himself with the Arab world, writes JACK MAURICE from Paris.



Mitterand during the 1974 campaign for President

PARIS. — Francois Mitterand, who has cemented his party and the Communists into an alliance which could end 30 years of Gaullist rule at the 1978 general election, will mark his 60th birthday on October 26 with an official visit to Israel.

For Mitterand, who together with a delegation of senior Socialist officials is the guest of the Israeli Labour Party, this is a return trip. He visited Israel four years ago and came back to France as a convinced supporter of the Jewish State.

But since the Yom Kippur War he has been given red-carpet receptions in Egypt and, in February this year, in Algeria. There as France's Minister of the Interior during Algeria's war of independence, he earned a reputation as a relentless foe of Arab autonomy.

Mitterand's return to Israel is the culmination of almost two years of negotiations between the French Socialists and the Israeli government. The visit has been repeatedly postponed because Mitterand's foreign interests have centred on the turmoil in post-Salazar Portugal and the attitudes adopted by European Socialist parties towards the Communists' new-style Communism marked by the refusal of subversion to Moscow.

Mitterand survived his close involvement with the despised old regime and became a serious challenger to all three presidents of the Fifth Republic. In 1965 he won 45 per cent of the poll when De Gaulle won a second term. Georges Pompidou became president by a more handsome margin in 1969. But Mitterand came within half of 1 per cent of beating Valéry Giscard d'Estaing two years ago.

Mitterand is acknowledged as a brilliant writer, and his work of personal and political philosophy "The Rose and the Fist" (the emblem of the French Socialists) reveals literary gifts superior to those of Giscard, whose "French Democracy" sold 600,000 copies during its first week on the bookshelves earlier this month.

Francois Mitterand has often been criticised for paying a bigger tribute to expediency than to sincerity. After being a Radical Socialist for 20 years — an allegiance which involved no commitment either to radicalism or socialism — he did not hesitate to join the Socialist Party and take over its machine in the late 1960s. He forced the aging secretary-general Guy Mollet into the background and steamrolled a new younger group, headed by himself, into the top leadership.

HIS GREAT SUCCESS has been to break the domination of French politics by the Gaullists and their allies during the 1970s by a series of election coalitions with the Communists that are bringing a Popular Front government closer to reality. The austerity programme devised by Giscard's new Premier Raymond Barre is so unpopular and the President's own image so unconvincing that a recent opinion poll showed that Giscard now has more opponents (45 per cent) than supporters (43 per cent) in the country at large.

For Mitterand, a candidate who missed the Presidency by such a narrow margin, every vote is going to count in next year's municipal elections and the 1978 parliamentary poll. Every minority group is worth cultivating. The country's 500,000 Jews do not represent a U.S.-style pressure group. But many of them are bound to be favourably impressed by a candidate who takes time out to visit Israel, a journey upon which Government politicians

spoke strongly against "the reassessment" during the second debate.

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DE. MIRON J. SHEKIN,
Israel's Delegate of Democrats
Abroad to the Democratic National
Convention
Jerusalem.

READERS' LETTERS

ISRAEL SHOULD BE NEUTRAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — For a long time, the U.S. Pentagon refused to deliver certain arms to Israel promised by President Ford, explaining that this would empty the U.S. military arsenal. Three weeks before the Presidential election, under Presidential pressure, the Pentagon withdrew its original objections and again promised the arms. However, as President Ford must get the approval of the Congress before the new arms arrangement can be confirmed. This will not occur before the November election.

Nobody can or will be fooled by this new position of the Pentagon. The decision is clearly one of political election strategy. We shall not forget the difficulties of yesterday and especially the "reassessment" of American policy in the Middle East in the spring of 1973, during the Presidency of Mr. Ford. Under this policy, Israel was pressed to the wall, and was obliged to accept the dictates of Dr. Kissinger and President Sadat. Such pressure may happen again. If Ford is elected as President, we shall remember that Governor Carter

spoke strongly against "the reassessment" during the second debate.

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FRAGMATIC APPROACH TO S. AFRICA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I refer to the letters of Mr. Lawrence Braver and Mr. Moshe Smith on South Africa (September 8). I agree with everything Mr. Braver says. However, as a resident of Israel he should be more worried than Mr. Smith about possible repercussions on the State of Israel if South Africa were to have a black government. I also agree with a lot of what Mr. Smith has to say, especially that "the black people in South Africa and Rhodesia are no longer willing to suffer indignity." However, in his letter, he states that he is a life-time member of the NAACP and a Jew. Perhaps this summarizes the man: very involved in the causes of others, but not his own — proud of his membership in the NAACP, but neglecting to say it is in the South African Republic, a far greater scale with my country than Israel does. Perhaps his country is more "desperate" than Israel, in that it trades with South Africa so much more. How does he know that Israel even sells South Africa war material, never mind war material "which will only be used for the extinction of the black people?"

As a matter of interest, the police vans used by the South African Police, the "instrument of oppression," are all Fords. People in glass houses should not throw stones.

SEARLE ABRIEL BRAJTMAN
Cape Town, South Africa.

REAL LESSON OF YOM KIPPUR WAR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I was amazed to read Eliezer Whartman's article "Three years and four lessons" (October 5). It seems to me that Mr. Whartman did not learn the lesson of the Yom Kippur War. The article is written in the same arrogant and self-righteous tone which we used to hear in the pre-Yom Kippur War era.

Mr. Whartman keeps repeating the same refrain that, had Israel returned the occupied territories, it would surely have been overrun by Egypt and Syria. It is precisely because we did not return the occupied territories that the Yom Kippur War broke out. Moreover, the illusion of the so-called "secure"

These people are threatening my existence and that of the other 120,000 South African Jews.

Moreover, one must consider the fact that all black states are pro-Arab. There are many more Muslims than Jews in South Africa — the Muslims being all non-white and the Jews all white — and that the present South African Government is very pro-Israel. Even in the hypothetical situation of Israel breaking off diplomatic ties with South Africa and a black government coming to power, it would certainly not appreciate this gesture and would jump on the Third World bandwagon, equate Zionism with racism and tell Israel to jump in the proverbial lake.

One final word to Mr. Smith. His country, the U.S.A., maintains ties with South Africa along with many other countries, and does business on a far greater scale with my country than Israel does. Perhaps his country is more "desperate" than Israel, in that it trades with South Africa so much more. How does he know that Israel even sells South Africa war material, never mind war material "which will only be used for the extinction of the black people?"

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borders lulled us into a false sense of security. After all, we did not do so badly during the Six Day War, without the Bar-Lev Line, without the Golan Heights, and without Judea and Samaria.

The only lesson to be learned from the Yom Kippur War is that there are no military solutions and that there are no secure borders to guarantee that we use the threat of an atomic war in our area can only be regarded as the suicidal idea of defeatists who have given up all hope of a political solution with our Arab neighbours.

MEHAHEM GOLAN
Haifa

in France are still reluctant to embark.

Mitterand loyally refused to repudiate his friendship for Israel when he went to Egypt in 1974 as guest of Hassanin Heykal, editorial writer for "Al Ahram," although he took the opportunity of meeting Yasser Arafat while in Cairo.

He reaffirmed at a press conference in Cairo that "Mrs. Golda Meir is my friend." He also branded as "extremely brutal" the French version of Security Council Resolution 243, which calls for the evacuation of Israel of "the occupied territories" (i.e. all of them) instead of merely "occupied territories," as stated in the English-language wording of the text.

Mitterand's visit to Egypt marked the resumption of contacts between the French Socialist Party and the Arab countries, which had been broken since the Algerian war and the Suez campaign of 1956.

But on the eve of the Yom Kippur War, Mitterand's aide for foreign affairs, Robert Fontillon, who is accompanying him to Israel, acted as an intermediary between Golda Meir and Sadat.

IN RECENT MONTHS the French Socialists have shown signs of abandoning their hostility to the P.L.O. A Palestinian delegation from Lebanon headed by Nadim Abdel Samad, head of the executive bureau of the Front for Participation in the Palestine Revolution, was received in June at Socialist headquarters in Paris. But the party has made no policy statement which indicates that support for Israel is wavering.

There are other signs that Mitterand is trying to ingratiate himself with the Arab world, however. He returned from a visit to Algeria in February praising Algeria for its "original and coherent" efforts. He added: "There are very interesting lessons for us socialists to learn from Algeria's revolutionary experience."

Mitterand's remarks were so surprising that French Premier Jacques Chirac saw fit to criticise him for dictating foreign policy to the French government. If Mitterand can use his new friendship in the Arab world to put Israel's case, there can be no grounds for complaint. But Israel can no longer be sure that this time it is welcoming the same loyal and committed friend as before.

"When we in Jerusalem pray at the High Holy Days for universal peace, we have Balfast in our minds," Rafael told the emigrants from the synagogue pulpit.

"Twenty years ago," he recalled, "I spent Yom Kippur in the last remaining synagogue in Odessa. Everyone said 'Next Year in Jerusalem' — but how many of them believed it would ever actually come true..."

Yom Kippur for Rafael was a sombre and pensive interlude in a crowded political week. Three days earlier he had been at Blackpool, feted by the "Labour Friends of Israel" on the last night of the party's national conference convened for Prime Minister Callaghan and other top Labour leaders attending the dinner by remarking that the economic difficulties now confronting Britain have been Israel's daily diet throughout the 28 years of its existence.

"The freedom-loving countries of the world must pull together with greater determination," Rafael urged. "What worries me is not the strength of our enemies... but the weakness of our friends..."

Three days after Yom Kippur, the ambassador was at Brighton, as guest of honour at the "Conservative Friends of Israel" dinner-party during the Tory national conference there. Margaret Thatcher came to the reception, and several of her top "shadow ministers" stayed for the dinner, at which the Duke of Devonshire presided.

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RECENT news reports of the legal tangle in which a former Judge Advocate-General of the Indian Navy is involved reminded us of our contacts with the Reform congregation in New Delhi of which he was a member.

The congregation was a very small one and most of its twenty or so members were government officials, many of them Benet Israel. The group was active mainly during the High Holy Days and we remember receiving a letter detailing arrangements for the festivals.

"The second day of Rosh Hashana," the letter intimated, "a bus will take congregants to the banks of the River Jumna for the Tashlich ceremony."

It was nice to think that just as the ashes from Hindu funeral pyres were consigned to the Ganges, the sins of Delhi's tiny Jewish community were borne away on another sacred Indian river.

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The State Opera House in Vienna.

Bend, don't break

Letter from Vienna/Charles Fenyesi

IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, the jungle reclaims the capital of an empire that is no more. With each monsoon, the vines get thicker and reach farther, the bush spreads.

In this ancient Kaiserstadt, decay is less evident, for the majestic places of Schonenbrunn and Belvedere still stand, and it is only a city, soot that covers the statues of the prolific mother Maria Theresa who saved the empire from the Prussians, of the intellectual Josef II who sought to rescue it from the French revolution, and of the beloved gentleman Franz Josef who led it into its ruin.

"There is a small country," explains a foreign service officer with a disarming smile, as he defends a charge of poor maintenance at Ballhausplatz — once a seat of influence equal to that of the Sublime Port or Quai d'Orsay. "We are content with just being alive."

"Just being alive" is an understatement, for Austrians live well. In their towns and villages, there is an abundance of modern kitchens, washing machines, colour TV and traffic jams. The food is rich — if perhaps dull and greasy. The wines are good and cheap. The desert is magnificent — sacher torte and punch, marzipan and chestnut puree. And always whipped cream, plenty of whipped cream.

"Just being alive" also means independence is wasted from the Russians in 1945. And independence means a neutrality — "active neutrality" in the official phrase. Austria maintains friendship with the West, scrupulously correct relations with Communist neighbours to the east, increasingly active links with the Third World, and "compassionate neutrality" between Arab and Israel.

Which means agents and foreign transients of all types: Vienna is a refugee transit camp, an international trade centre as well as spy city. It has tourism of giant proportions. The expensive hotels — and they are very expensive — are filled with North Americans, West Germans, Japanese and Scandinavians. Then there are busloads and busloads of Hungarians and Yugoslavs, Czechs, and Poles, marvelling at the wonders of what this eastern outpost of Western Europe offers in consumer goods and Western culture.

This is a city of old people. They fill the many benches in the parks and on the tree-lined boulevards. They are delighted to be able to find a German-speaking tourist from Zagreb or Bratislava, Debrecen or Wroclaw. They talk about the Good Old Days and contend that there would not have been a Hitler — and perhaps not even a Stalin — had the monarchy been allowed to live.

Slovaks and Hungarians, Czechs and Poles are puzzled. They have always taken for granted that the Habsburgs were detested the way the Bourbons were: their people didn't want them and their subject nationalities didn't want to be ruled by Austrians.

The empire survives in the so-called Wiener Schnitzel (originally from Milan) and the goulash (with less potent paprika than in its native

Hungary). But the power glory are gone.

There are also small technocrats and mid-level bureaucrats who would like international civil servants' quiet pride in the career Waldheim and Bruno Kreisky cite Kitzbich on a small state in world politics.

There is also some talk-chatter of cafe houses, whisper from the government attracting Jews — Jews follow in the footsteps of Freud, Arthur Schnitzler, Zweig. But how do you get to a country where Hitler and which insists to this day that permits no country was a victim, not a perpetrator's aggression?

The practical, concrete is that more international organizations — if not the — will transfer their heads to a beautiful city by the OPEC is already here, a International Atomic Energy or the UN Industrial Development Organisation.

Across the Danube, UN ing constructed — at the cost of \$1 billion, to be born Government of Austria and of Vienna.

MANY AUSTRIANS see presence — rather than N. their protector from the And while there is fear of Europe being Finland; references to salami tactics commonplace, there is also a recognition that the Italian brand of communism. The argument the Italian sunshine of may eventually melt the ice of Moscow, Sofia and Berlin, the Austrians are past liberalizing the Church M. rejecting the Pope without rebellion of nailing those of the Cathedral of Wittenberg.

The motto of "Bend Not Break" heard here so often that like a prayer.

A writer who could have younger brother to Perenc or a nephew of Max Nord, pounded on how the Russ not be pressured openly they stiffen up when they

"It is the misfortune of and particularly Eastern which would like to sneak Western fold — that it Russians who first adopt: munism, and that of all this of Europe it is the Russ which officially identified the notion of social just Russians never had a Red never had an Erasmus or Their land has remained by humanism."

"The situation is critical serious," says another of the Habsburg court. An Armen shing a glass of new der the grape arbors of Hell or ensconced in their lie armchairs are hopeful — hopeful, as always — that try will somehow survive a barbarian empire as well.

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